



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 194-2023

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIAH DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARIAH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. GALLANT D. SORIANO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 16 March 2022 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 13135, titled "**Abcarrillo Holdings Corporation, represented by Arturo B. Carrillo and Arturo B. Carrillo vs. Atty. Gallant D. Soriano,**" to wit:

The Court **RESOLVES** to **ADOPT** and **APPROVE** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in the attached Resolution dated January 19, 2019. Accordingly, the Court finds respondent Atty. Gallant D. Soriano **GUILTY** of violating Rule 15.03, Canon 15 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is thus meted with the penalty of **SUSPENSION** from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, with a **STERN WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar infraction will merit a more severe sanction.

The suspension from the practice of law shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution by Atty. Gallant D. Soriano. He is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a manifestation to the Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to Atty. Gallant D. Soriano's personal record as attorney; the

Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts of the country.

In a Resolution dated 13 February 2023, acting on respondent's motion for reconsideration *ex abundati cautelam* of the Resolution dated 16 March 2022, the Court DENIED the motion with FINALITY for lack of substantial merit.

12 May 2023



JENNY LIND R. ALDECOA-DELORINO

Deputy Court Administrator

and

Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Court Administrator

(Per Memorandum Order No. 63-2023

dated 04 May 2023)