



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 199-2023

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. MEINRADO ENRIQUE A. BELLO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 11 January 2023 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 13466, titled "Maricel H. Artates vs. Atty. Meinrado Enrique A. Bello," to wit:

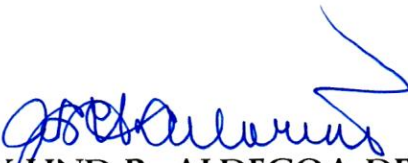
ACCORDINGLY, respondent Atty. Meinrado Enrique A. Bello (respondent) is found **GUILTY** of violating the Lawyer's Oath, Canon 17, as well as Rules 18.03 and 18.04, Canon 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months, and is **STERNLY WARNED** that a repetition of the same offense or similar act shall be dealt with more severely.

The suspension from the practice of law shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Decision by respondent. 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 Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and the

Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all
courts in the country.

15 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)*

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