

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 205-2023

TO

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

SUBJECT

: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. RONALDO E. RENTA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR FIVE (5) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 17 January 2023 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 13471, titled "Melissa M. Masayon and Clifford M. Compas vs. Atty. Ronaldo E. Renta," to wit:

ACCORDINGLY, respondent Atty. Ronaldo E. Renta is found GUILTY of violating Rules 1.01 and 1.04, Canon 1, Rule 7.03, Canon 7, Rule 8.01, Canon 8, and Canon 17 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, and is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of five (5) years, effective immediately upon his receipt of the Decision. He is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar act win be dealt with more severely.

Respondent is DIRECTED to report to this Court the date of his receipt of this Decision to enable it to determine when his suspension from the practice of law shall take effect.

Let copies of this Decision be furnished to: (1) the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney; (2) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and (3) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

31 May 2023

AUL II. WILLAMUEVA Cour Administrator

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