



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 219-2023

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. BELLEZA A. DEMAISIP FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 19 January 2021 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11477, titled "**Jaime Ignacio D. Bernasconi vs. Atty. Belleza A. Demaisip**," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Belleza Demaisip is found **GUILTY** of gross misconduct in violation of Rules 1.01, 16.01, and 16.03, and Canon 16 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. Accordingly, she is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years, with a **WARNING** that a repetition of the same or similar acts in the future will be dealt with more severely.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to the personal record of respondent; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator, for dissemination to all courts.

This Decision shall be immediately executory.

19 June 2023


RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator