



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 220-2023

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. LEONARDO M. REAL FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 10 June 2019 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 9022, titled "**Jhoanna Mae M. Pacificar vs. Atty. Leonardo M. Real**," to wit:

WHEREFORE, Atty. Leonardo M. Real is found **GUILTY** of violating Canon 16, Rule 16.03 and Canon 18, Rule 18.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for **THREE (3) MONTHS** effective upon receipt of this Resolution. Also, he is **ORDERED** to return the amount of ₱75,000.00 to *complainant within ninety (90) days from the finality of this Resolution.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country for their guidance.

In a Resolution dated 07 October 2020, the Court (Special First Division) **DENIED WITH FINALITY** the respondent's motion for reconsideration there being no substantial matter raised

* Revision: respondent changed to complainant

therein to warrant a modification of the questioned Resolution dated 10 June 2019.

19 June 2023



RAUL E. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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