



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 232-2023

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. JUAN PAOLO F. AMISTOSO FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision dated 08 September 2020 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 10713, titled "Bryce Russel Mitchell vs. Atty. Juan Paolo F. Amistoso," to wit:

WHEREFORE, the Resolution dated June 29, 2018 of the IBP-Board of Governors, which found respondent Atty. Juan Paolo F. Amistoso **GUILTY** of violation of the Lawyer's Oath and Rule 16.04 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, is **AFFIRMED**. He is **SUSPENDED** for a period of three (3) years from the practice of law, effective upon receipt of this Decision. Atty. Amistoso is **WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar offense shall be dealt with more severely.

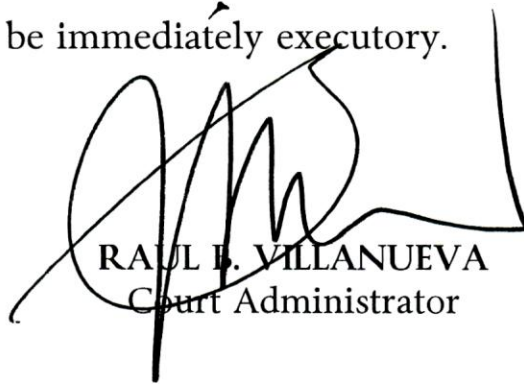
Atty. Juan Paolo F. Amistoso is **DIRECTED** to formally **MANIFEST** to this Court, upon receipt of this Decision, the date of his receipt which shall be the starting point of his suspension. He shall furnish a copy of this Manifestation to all the courts and *quasi-judicial* bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let a copy of this Decision be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to the personal record of Atty. Amistoso as a member of the Bar; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines; and the Office of the Court

Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country
for their information and guidance.

This Decision shall be immediately executory.

23 June 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator