

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 239-2023

TO

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

SUBJECT

: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. HERMINIA A. BATI FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HER NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 27 March 2023 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 13716, titled "Rose Mary B. Dela Cruz vs. Atty. Herminia A. Bati," to wit:

FOR THESE REASONS, the Court finds Atty. Herminia A. Bati GUILTY of violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.01 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Section 12(a) of the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice. She is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of six months, effective from notice of this Resolution. She is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar acts will be dealt with more severely.

Further, Atty. Herminia A. Bati's commission as notary public is REVOKED, if still existing. She is likewise DISQUALIFIED from being commissioned as a notary public for a period of two years.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon Atty. Herminia A. Bati's receipt of a copy of this Resolution. She shall inform this Court and the Office of the Bar Confidant in writing of the date of her receipt. Let copies

of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to her personal record, and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines. The Office of the Court Administrator is directed to circulate copies of this Resolution to all courts concerned.

29 June 2022

AUL B. VILLANUEVA

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