

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>281-2023</u>

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** TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'AH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, **PUBLIC** ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : LIFTING OF SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. CIPRIANO P. LUPEBA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 11 July 2023 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 12426, titled "In re: Resolution Dated February 17, 2015 in G.R. No. 185806 (Generoso Abellanosa, et al. vs. Commission on Audit and National Housing Authority) vs. Atty. Cipriano P. Lupeba," to wit:

The Court Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Office of the Bar Confidant, to

- (a) NOTE and APPROVE the Petition to Lift Order of Suspension dated May 18, 2023 filed by respondent Atty. Cipriano P. Lupeba;
- (b) NOTE the Certifications from several courts in Cagayan de Oro City, Malaybalay City, and Misamis Oriental and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Misamis Oriental Chapter, all affirming that the respondent has not practiced law during his suspension; and
- (c) ALLOW the respondent to RESUME his practice of law effective upon the filing of the above Petition to Lift Order of Suspension pursuant to Section 46, Canon VI of the Code of Professional Responsibility and Accountability. In case it is discovered that the respondent made

misrepresentations in his statements, he shall be subjected to another administrative case and stiffer sanctions

<u>11</u> August 2023

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