



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 305-2023

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: LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. FERDINAND N. TALABONG IN ADMINISTRATIVE CASE (A.C.) NO. 8400

In its Resolution dated 10 August 2022 in A.C. No. 8400, titled "*Belen M. Tumbali v. Atty. Ferdinand N. Talabong*," the Court (Third Division), among others, (a) found respondent GUILTY of violating the 2004 Rules of Notarial Practice, and Canon 1, Rule 1.01 and Canon 10, Rule 10.01 of the Code of Professional Responsibility; and (b) SUSPENDED him from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months from notice of the Resolution.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1st Indorsement dated 11 August 2023, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the Amended Manifestation and Full Compliance of Respondent Atty. Ferdinand N. Talabong to the Resolution of This Most Honorable Court dated August 10, 2022 dated 12 July 2023 filed by Atty. Talabong in A.C. No. 8400.

Pursuant to the guidelines outlined by the Court in its Decision dated 10 January 2023 in A.C. No. 11032, titled "*Re: Order dated 01 October 2015 in Criminal Case No. 15-318727-34, Regional Trial Court (RTC), Branch 49, Manila, against Atty. Severo L. Brillantes* governing the lifting of the penalty of suspension imposed against members of the Bar, the order of suspension shall be automatically lifted upon submission by the respondent lawyer of such Sworn Statement that he or she has completed the service of suspension¹.

¹ Item 6, OCA Circular No. 84-2023 dated 27 February 2023 (*Requirements on Lifting of the Penalty of Suspension Imposed Against Members of the Bar*)

*Re: Lifting of the Suspension From the Practice of Law of Atty. Ferdinand N. Talabong in
A.C. No. 8400*

Accordingly, insofar as the Court's Resolution dated 10 August 2022 in A.C. No. 8400 is concerned, the therein imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Ferdinand N. Talabong is deemed LIFTED.

04 September 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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