

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>318-2023</u>

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, : COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS. SHARľAH 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. JONATHAN J. DE PAZ

For information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 26 July 2023 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 13372, titled "Juanito V. Paras vs. Atty. Jonathan J. De Paz," to wit:

The Court further resolves to:

1. NOTE and APPROVE respondent Atty. Jonathan J. De Paz's sworn statement dated May 18, 2023;

2. LIFT the suspension order against Atty. Jonathan J. De Paz, and ALLOW him to RESUME his practice of law; provided that, in case it is discovered that respondent made misrepresentations in his sworn statement, he shall be subjected to another administrative case and stiffer sanctions; and

3. REMAIN IN EFFECT his disqualification from being commissioned as a notary public, and inform respondent that a separate motion with sworn statement is necessary upon the expiration of lifting of the said disqualification. The Court NOTES the Report and Recommendation dated June 21, 2023 of the Office of Bar Confidant.

<u>14</u> September 2023

JENNY LIND R. ALDECOA-DELORINO Deputy Court Administrator and Officer-in-Charge Office of the Court Administrator (Per Memorandum Order No. 107-2023 dated 08 September 2023)

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