



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 323-2023**

**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 SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. MARIAN JO S. MERCADO**

For information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 04 July 2023 of the Court *En Banc* in A.C. No. 11778, titled "**Mary Grace P. Asanion vs. Atty. Marian Jo S. Mercado,**" to wit:

The Court Resolved to

- (a) **NOTE** the Manifestation and Compliance dated March 16, 2023 filed by respondent Atty. Marion *[sic]* Jo. S. Mercado, submitting her Sworn Statement and the Certifications from the courts, all showing that she has not practiced law during the period of her suspension;
- (b) **NOTE** and **APPROVE** the Report dated June 21, 2023 filed by the Office of the Bar Confidant, recommending to lift respondent's order of suspension and to allow her to resume the practice of law;
- (c) **LIFT** the order of suspension imposed upon the said respondent; and
- (d) **ALLOW** the respondent to **RESUME** her practice of law. In case it is discovered that respondent made false statements and misrepresentations in her Sworn

Statement, she shall be subjected to another administrative case with stiffer sanctions.

15 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)*