

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

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>324-2023</u>

- THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, TO : 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. **ATTORNEY'S** OFFICE. PUBLIC AND THE **INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**
- SUBJECT : LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. REGGIE G. DURAN

In its Resolution dated 20 February 2017 in A.C. No. 11544, titled "Selective Security Services, Inc. and Edwin C. Embudo v. Atty. Reggie G. Duran," the Court (Third Division), among others, found respondent GUILTY of violating Canon 7, Rule 7.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the Lawyer's Oath and SUSPENDED him from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement dated 13 September 2023, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the <u>Sworn Statement</u> dated 15 March 2023 filed by Atty. Duran.

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 suspension<sup>1</sup>.

Accordingly, insofar as the Court's Resolution dated 20 February 2017 in A.C. No. 11544 is concerned, the therein

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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*)

imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Reggie G. Duran is deemed LIFTED.

15 September 2023

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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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