

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 326-2023

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

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. MARCEL G. SILVESTRE

In its Resolution dated 13 October 2021 in A.C. No. 12445, titled "Brenda U. Castillo v. Atty. Marcel G. Silvestre," the Court (Third Division), among others, (a) found respondent GUILTY of notarizing the April 13, 2012 Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney and Deed of Undertaking in the absence of the affiants; and (b) SUSPENDED him from the practice of law for a period of six (6) months.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1st Indorsement dated 29 August 2023, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the <u>Sworn Statement of Service of Suspension</u> dated 21 July 2023 filed by Atty. Silvestre.

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.

Accordingly, insofar as the Court's Resolution dated 24 February 2020 in A.C. No. 10296 is concerned, the therein

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)

imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Marcel G. Silvestre is deemed LIFTED.

<u>15</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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