

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>340-202</u>3

- 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 THE SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. ROBERTO I. ACDA

In its Resolution dated 22 July 2019 in A.C. No. 8894, titled "Jocelyn S. Acosta v. Attys. Jose S. Alvarez, Jr., Roberto I. Acda, and Delfin Agcaoili, Jr.," the Court (First Division) ADOPTED and ACCEPTED, among others, the finding and recommendation of the IBP's Investigating Commissioner to SUSPEND Atty. Roberto I. Acda from the practice of law for six (6) months.

The Office of the Bar Confidant (OBC), in its 1st Indorsement dated 19 September 2023, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the <u>Affidavit of Compliance</u> dated 14 August 2023 filed by Atty. Acda.

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*).

Accordingly, insofar as the Court's Resolution dated 22 July 2019 in A.C. No. 8894 is concerned, the therein imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Roberto I. Acda is deemed LIFTED.

27 September 2023

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