



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 341-2023

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 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. MERLE M. TELAN

In its Resolution dated 17 August 2022 in A.C. No. 13392, titled "*Reydante Sager v. Atty. Merle Telan*," the Court (First Division), among others, (a) found respondent **GUILTY** of violating of the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice, as amended by A.M. No. 02-8-13-SC; and (b) **SUSPENDED** her from the practice of law for **six (6) months**.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1st Indorsement dated 18 September 2023, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the Manifestation with Submission (Re: Sworn Statement on Service of Suspension) dated 10 August 2023 and Sworn Statement dated 11 August 2023 filed by Atty. Telan.

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 17 August 2022 in A.C. No. 13392 is concerned, the therein imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Merle M. Telan is deemed **LIFTED**.

29 September 2023



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator