

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>372-2023</u>

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. THE AND **INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES**

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ATTY. ORLANDO A. FUA, JR. FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR

For information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 29 November 2022 of the Court (First Division) in A.C. No. 13447, titled "Reynaldo E. Valmoria vs. Atty. Orlando A. Fua, Jr.," to wit:

WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Orlando A. Fua, Jr. is found guilty of violating the Lawyer's Oath and the Code of Professional Responsibility. Respondent is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of one year, effective upon receipt of this Resolution. He is STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same offense or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a Manifestation to the Court that his suspension has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to: (1) the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent's personal record as an attorney-at-law; (2) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and (3) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

In a Resolution dated 25 July 2023, acting on respondent's Motion for Leave to File Motion for Reconsideration of the Resolution dated 29 November 2022, the Court **DENIED** the said reconsideration, as no substantial matters were raised to warrant a modification of the Court's Resolution.

<u>14</u> November 2023

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