



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 388-2023

TO : THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARIAH DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARIAH 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. DANILO B. BAÑARES

In its Decision dated 20 June 2018 in A.C. No. 11396, titled "*Franco B. Gonzales v. Atty. Danilo B. Bañares*," the Court (Second Division), among others, **SUSPENDED** him from the practice of law for six (6) months and revocation of his notarial commission and disqualification from reappointment as a notary public for two (2) years.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1st Indorsement dated 07 November 2023, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the Sworn Statement dated 23 October 2023 filed by Atty. Bañares.

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.¹

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 20 June 2018 in A.C. No. 11396 is concerned, the therein imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Danilo B. Bañares is deemed **LIFTED**.

14 December 2023



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Office of the Court Administrator

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dated 01 December 2023)