



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 34-2024**

**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 SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. BERNARDINO M. MORTERA**

For information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 04 October 2023 of the Court (Special Third Division) in A.C. No. 12667, titled "Ceferino B. Garay, Jr. vs. Atty. Bernardino M. Mortera," to wit:

ACCORDINGLY, the Court, upon the recommendation of the OBC, resolves to **NOTE** and **APPROVE** Atty. Bernardino M. Mortera's Sworn Certificate of Service of Suspension dated April 4, 2023, and **ALLOW** him to **RESUME** his practice of law. In case it is discovered that he made material misrepresentations in his statements, he shall be subjected to another administrative case and stiffer sanctions.

The said report of the OBC is **NOTED**.

07 February 2024

  
RAUL B. WILLANUEVA  
Court Administrator