

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

## OCA CIRCULAR NO. 45-2024

TO

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN. COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL **SHARI'AH** COURTS, DISTRICT COURTS. METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES. MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL **CIRCUIT** COURTS, SHARI'AH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, **PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S** OFFICE, AND INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT: LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. CARLO IÑIGO SORIANO

In its Resolution dated 13 July 2022 in A.C. No. 13416, titled "Arturo Carrillo v. Atty. Carlo Iñigo Soriano," the Court (Third Division), among others, found respondent GUILTY of serious misconduct and violation of Canon 1, Rule 1.01 and Canon 7, Rule 7.03 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and SUSPENDED him from the practice of law for one (1) year.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement dated 06 February 2024, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the <u>Sworn Statement</u> dated 03 October 2023 filed by Atty. Soriano.

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.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 13 July 2022 in A.C. No. 13416 is concerned, the therein imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Carlo Iñigo Soriano is deemed LIFTED.

<u>16</u> February 2024

AUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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