



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 53-2024**

**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 THE DISQUALIFICATION FROM BEING COMMISSIONED AS NOTARY PUBLIC OF ATTY. WINSTON B. HIPE**

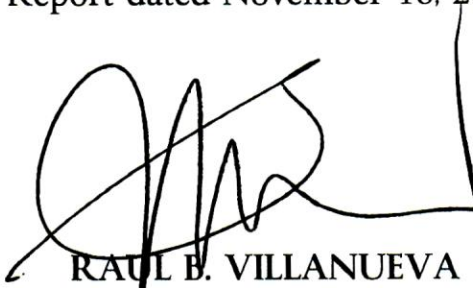
For information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 22 January 2024 of the Court (Special Second Division) in A.C. No. 12443, titled "**Bernardo E. Valdez vs. Atty. Winston B. Hipe**," to wit:

The Court resolves to:

1. **NOTE** and **APPROVE** the *ex-parte* second manifestation and urgent motion to lift order of disqualification dated October 9, 2023 of Atty. Winston B. Hipe; and
2. **LIFT** the disqualification of Atty. Hipe from being commissioned as notary public and **ALLOW** him to apply for notarial commission.

The Court **NOTES** the Report dated November 10, 2023 of the Office of the Bar Confidant.

23 February 2024

  
**RAUL B. VILLANUEVA**  
Court Administrator