

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. <u>102-202</u>4

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** COURTS, SHARI'AH CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, **PUBLIC** ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT

: SUSPENSION OF ATTY. PABLO M. ESGUERRA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution dated 04 December 2023 of the Court (Second Division) in A.C. No. 9999, titled "Edilberto C. Garcia v. Atty. Pablo M. Esguerra," to wit:

FOR THESE REASONS, Atty. Pablo M. Esguerra is found LIABLE for violating the Code of Professional Responsibility and the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice. He is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for one year; his incumbent notarial commission, if any, is REVOKED; and he is DISQUALIFIED for two years from being commissioned as a notary public. He is also STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or any similar act shall be dealt with more severely.

The suspension from the practice of law shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution. Atty. Pablo M. Esguerra is directed to immediately file a Manifestation to the Court that his suspension has started stating the exact date of receipt of this Resolution, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Bar Confidant, to be appended to Atty. Pablo M. Esguerra's personal record as an attorney; the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all the courts.

<u>11</u> April 2024

AUL I. VILLANUEVA Court Administrator

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