



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 112-2024

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 THE SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW OF ATTY. EDUARDO S. FORTALEZA

In its Resolution dated 11 January 2023 in A.C. No. 13418, titled "*Augusto Banusing, Sr. v. Atty. Eduardo S. Fortaleza*," the Court (Third Division), among others, **SUSPENDED** him from the practice of law for six (6) months.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1st Indorsement dated 15 April 2024, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the **Letter** dated 4 January 2024 and **Affidavit** dated 28 December 2023 filed by Atty. Fortaleza.

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

Accordingly, insofar as the Court's Resolution dated 11 January 2023 in A.C. No. 13418 is concerned, the therein

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*).

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imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Eduardo S. Fortaleza is deemed **LIFTED**.

23 April 2024


RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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