



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 129-2024

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 TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'AH 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. HERNAN ED NOEL L. DE LEON, JR.

In its Resolution dated 05 February 2024 in A.C. No. 13194, titled "*Wilma L. Zamora v. Hernan Ed Noel De Leon, Jr.*," the Court (First Division), among others, **PARTIALLY GRANTED** the Motion for Reconsideration. The assailed 05 July 2023 Resolution is **AFFIRMED WITH MODIFICATION** to the effect that respondent Atty. Hernan Ed Noel De Leon, Jr. is **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period **six (6) months**, effective from the date of receipt of said Resolution.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1st Indorsement dated 23 April 2024, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the Sworn Statement dated 26 March 2024 filed by Atty. De Leon, Jr., wherein he also stated that he had already served the period of suspension of six (6) months from September 12, 2023 to March 12, 2024.

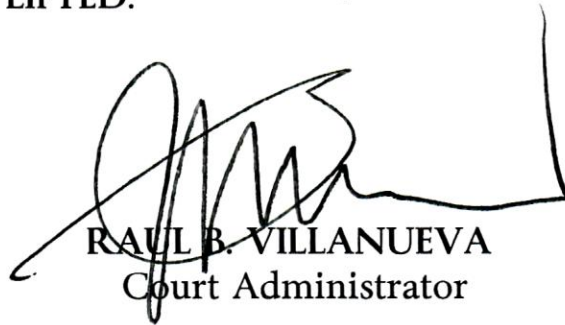
Pursuant to the guidelines outlined by the Court in its Decision dated 10 January 2023 in A.C. No. 11032, titled "*Re: Order dated 01 October 2015 in Criminal Case No. 15-318727-34, Regional Trial Court (RTC), Branch 49, Manila, against Atty. Severo L. Brillantes*" governing the lifting of the penalty of suspension imposed against members of the Bar, the order of suspension shall be automatically lifted upon submission by the

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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 05 February 2024 in A.C. No. 13194 is concerned, the therein imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Hernan Ed Noel L. De Leon, Jr. is deemed LIFTED.

30 April 2024



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA
Court Administrator

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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*).