



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 78-2024**

**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. NICOLAS C. PINEDA**

In its Resolution dated 30 August 2023 in A.C. No. 13629, titled "*Hazel S. Balagot v. Atty. Nicolas C. Pineda*," the Court (First Division), among others, **SUSPENDED** him from the practice of law for three (3) months.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement dated 11 March 2024, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the **Sworn Statement of Service of Suspension** dated 08 February 2024 filed by Atty. Pineda.

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>

Accordingly, insofar as the Court's Resolution dated 30 August 2023 in A.C. No. 13629 is concerned, the therein


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<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*).

*RE: Lifting of the Suspension from the Practice of Law of Atty. Nicolas C. Pineda*

imposed suspension from the practice of law of Atty. Nicolas C. Pineda is deemed **LIFTED**.

21 March 2024



RAUL B. VILLANUEVA  
Court Administrator

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