

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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 138-2024

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

SUBJECT :

LIFTING OF THE REVOCATION OF NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC OF ATTY. JONATHAN J. DE PAZ

In its Decision dated 12 October 2022 in A.C. No. 13372, titled "Juanito V. Paras versus Atty. Jonathan J. De Paz," the Court (Second Division) REVOKED the notarial commission of Atty. De Paz and DISQUALIFIED him to be reappointed as a notary public. Subsequently, in its Resolution dated 26 July 2023 in the same A.C. No. 13372, the Court (Second Division), RESOLVED, among others, to REMAIN IN EFFECT the disqualification of Atty. De Paz from being commissioned as a notary public and INFORM him that a separate motion with a sworn statement is necessary upon the expiration of lifting of the said disqualification.

The Office of the Bar Confidant, in its 1st Indorsement dated 25 April 2024, furnished the Office of the Court Administrator a copy of the <u>Sworn Statement</u> dated 18 March 2024 filed by Atty. De Paz, wherein he stated that his notarial commission which was revoked, expired on 31 December 2023, and his disqualification for reappointment as a notary public for one (1) year started from 16 February 2023 and ended on 16 February 2024.

Accordingly, insofar as the Court's Decision and Resolution dated 12 October 2022 and 26 July 2023, respectively, in A.C. No. 13372 are concerned, the therein imposed revocation of notarial

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commission and disqualification from reappointment as a notary public of Atty. Jonathan J. De Paz are deemed LIFTED.

<u>06</u> May 2024

Court Administrator

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