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### TO :

THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, COURT OF TAX APPEALS, REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, SHARIF CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

### SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. EDGARDO P. PALAY FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AND REVOCATION OF HIS NOTARIAL COMMISSION AND DISQUALIFICATION FROM REAPPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR TWO (2) YEARS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 21 September 2016 of the Third Division in Administrative Case No. 10150, entitled "Gina E. Endaya v. Atty. Edgardo O. Palay," to wit:

WHEREFORE , the Court finds respondent Atty. Edgardo O. Palay GUILTY of violating Canon 1, Rule 1.01 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and the 2004 Rules on Notarial Practice. Accordingly, the Court SUSPENDS him from the practice of law for six (6) months, REVOKES his incumbent notarial commission, if any, and DISQUALIFIES him from being commissioned as a notary public for two (2) years. Respondent is also STERNLY WARNED that more severe penalties will be imposed for any further breach of the Canons in the Code of Professional Responsibility.

Respondent received the aforesaid Decision on 18 November 2016.

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