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THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDAGANBAYAN, 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, SHARI'A CIRCUIT COURTS, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT:

SUSPENSION FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR THREE (3) MONTHS OF ATTY. GERARDO F. LARA

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Second Division dated 30 January 2009 , in Administrative Case No. 7024 entitled, "Ofelia R. Somosot vs. Atty. Gerardo F. Lara", to wit:

"WHEREFORE, premises considered, respondent Atty. Gerardo F. Lara is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of three (3) months, effective upon receipt of a copy of this decision."

Acting on respondent's Motion for Reconsideration of the Decision dated 30 January 2009 , the Court resolves to DENY the motion with FINALITY, the basic issues raised therein having been duly considered and passed upon by the Court in the said decision and there being no substantial merit, pursuant to the Resolution of the Second Division dated 27 April 2009 .

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