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SUBJECT :

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. RUBEN V. ABARQUEZ FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Resolution dated 24 February 2016 of the First Division in Administrative Case No. 7726, entitled "Heirs of the late Flor & Leonila Tungpalan v. Atty. Ruben V. Abarquez," to wit:

> WHEREFORE, we find respondent ATTY. RUBEN V. ABARQUEZ guilty of gross neglect in violation of Rule 18.03 and 18.04 of Canon 18 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for six (6) months, effective upon his receipt of this Resolution, and STERNLY WARNED that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent received on 11 April 2016 the resolution dated 24 February 2016.

25 August 2016

(SGD.) JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

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