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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, 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) YEARS OF ATTY. MELANIO L. MAURICIO, JR.

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Decision of the Supreme Court En Banc dated 22 July 2009, in Administrative Case No. 7199, entitled "Foodsphere, Inc. vs. Atty. Melanio L. Mauricio, Jr.", to wit:

"WHEREFORE, Atty. Melanio Mauricio is, for violation of the lawyer's oath and breach of ethics of the legal profession as embodied in the Code of Professional Responsibility, SUSPENDED from the practice of law for three years effective upon receipt of this Decision. He is WARNED that repetition of the same or similar act will be dealt with more severely."

In the Resolution, dated 17 November 2009, the Court DENIED with FINALITY the counsel for respondent's motion for reconsideration, as the basic issues raised therein have been passed upon by this Court and no substantial arguments were presented to warrant the reversal of the questioned decision.

January 20, 2010.

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