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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 ATTORNEYS OFFICE AND THE INTEGRATED BAR OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT :

SUSPENSION OF ATTY. AQUILINO MEJICA FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR SIX (6) MONTHS

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the Decision dated 13 September 2016 of the Court En Banc in Administrative Case No. 11121, entitled "Delia Lim v. Atty. Aquilino Mejica," to wit:

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Resolution No. XXI-2014-595 dated September 27, 2014 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors is hereby SET ASIDE.

The Court, however, finds Atty. Aquilino Mejica to have violated Canon 10 of the Code of Professional Responsibility. He is hereby meted out the penalty of SUSPENSION from the practice of law for SIX (6) MONTHS with WARNING that a similar offense by him will be dealt with more severely.

In a Resolution dated 7 March 2017, the Court DENIED with FINALITY the respondent's motion for reconsideration, there being no substantial matters raised to warrant the reversal of the questioned Decision. Per Registry Return Receipt No. 26597, respondent received the Resolution dated 7 March 2017 on 18 April 2017.

18 August 2017

(SGD.) JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ

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