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TO :

ALL THE JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE SANDIGANBAYAN, AND THE COURT OF TAX APPEALS, AND ALL JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, THE SHARFA DISTRICT COURTS, THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, AND THE SHARP A CIRCUIT COURTS

SUBJECT :

EFFECTS OF SUSPENSION METED ON JUSTICES OR JUDGES

In accordance with the 27 January 2015 Resolution of the Court En Banc in A.M. No. RTJ-12-2316 [Formerly A.M. No. 09-7-280-RTC] (Office of the Court Administrator v. Hon. Liberty O. Castaheda, et al), all justices and judges are hereby REMINDED of the following effects of any meted suspension, whether preventive or indefinite:

1. Upon receipt of the Court's resolution of suspension, justices/judges suspended from office are prohibited from performing any of their official functions during the period of suspension until further orders from the Court;
2. To prevent a hiatus in the performance of judicial and administrative functions in the lower courts, an acting presiding judge, or an assisting judge where appropriate, shall be immediately designated in his/her stead;
3. Respondent justices/judges shall not receive their regular basic salary and other remunerative allowances and fringe benefits in accordance with existing guidelines and those to be issued by the Court for the purpose;
4. During the period of suspension, respondent justices/judges shall not be eligible to receive other benefits from the Court such as training, nomination for promotion, or any other similar non-remunerative benefits in accordance with existing guidelines and those to be issued by the Court for the purpose; and
5. Respondent justices/judges may face such other consequence, as may be determined by the Court or the Office of the Court Administrator.

For your information and guidance.

03 August 2015

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