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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 TWO (2) YEARS OF ATTY. SANTIAGO C. SORIANO

For your information and guidance, quoted hereunder is the dispositive portion of the Resolution of the Court En Bane dated 09 October 2007 , in Administrative Case No. 7418, entitled "Andrea Balce Celaje vs. Atty. Santiago C, Soriano", to wit:

"WHEREFORE, respondent Atty. Santiago C. Soriano is found GUILTY of violating Canon 16 of the Code of Professional Responsibility and is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years from notice, with a STERN WARNING that a repetition of the same or similar acts shall be dealt with more severely.

Respondent is further ordered to retribute to his clients through Andrea Balce Celaje, within 30 days from notice, the amount of P5,800.00. Respondent is directed to submit to the Court proof of payment within fifteen days from payment of the full amount."

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Court En Bane dated 04 March 2008 , the Court Resolved to CONSIDER as SERVED the Notice of Judgment dated 09 October 2007 addressed to complainant at Cawacagan, Bato, 4435 Camarines Sur.

August __13__, 2009

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