

Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

THIRD DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Third Division, issued a Resolution dated August 2, 2023, which reads as follows:

"A.C. No. 13761 (Virginia M. Palma v. Atty. Nicolas C. Pineda*). – After a careful review of the records of this case, the Court resolves to adopt the findings¹ of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors and dismiss the administrative case filed by complainant Virginia M. Palma for her failure to show that respondent Atty. Nicolas C. Pineda is unfit to practice law and to be entrusted with the duties and responsibilities pertaining to the office of an attorney.

WHEREFORE, the Resolution dated October 1, 2022 of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors in CBD Case No. 18-5509 is hereby **AFFIRMED**. The instant administrative case against respondent Atty. Nicolas C. Pineda is **DISMISSED**.

SO ORDERED."

By authority of the Court:

MISAEL DOMINGO C. BATTUNG III

Division Clerk of Court pr. B.1g.23

Ms. Virginia M. Palma Complainant No. 521 Caingin, Sta. Maria, Mexico 2021 Pampanga

Atty. Nicolas S. Pineda Respondent 2000 San Fernando City, Pampanga

- *over* - (254)

^{*} Atty. Nicolas C. Pineda's middle initial "C" was also written as "S" in some parts of the rollo.

Rollo, pp. 54-57; Report and Recommendation, penned by Commissioner Stephanie M. Cas-Refina.

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