

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SUPREME COURT Manila

SECOND DIVISION

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Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated July 27, 2022 which reads as follows:

"A.C. No. 13235 (Vincent Luis W. Arias v. Atty. Maria Aurora P. Sore-Romano). — The Notice of Resolution No. CBD-XXV-2021-08-07¹ dated August 14, 2021 in CBD Case No. 18-5619 of the Board of Governors of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) and the letter dated November 9, 2021 of the IBP Director for Bar Discipline, Avelino V. Sales, Jr., transmitting the documents pertaining to the case² are **NOTED**.

The Court resolves to **ADOPT** and **APPROVE** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the Deputy Director in the attached Extended Resolution³ dated September 1, 2021, and the Investigating Commissioner's Report and Recommendation⁴ dated June 28, 2019, which the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Board of Governors likewise adopted and approved. The Complaint against Atty. Maria Aurora P. Sore-Romano is DISMISSED.

Nonetheless, Atty. Maria Aurora P. Sore-Romano is **ORDERED** to return the amount of ₱30,000.00 earlier paid by the complainant Vincent Luis W. Arias as part of the acceptance fee agreed upon by the parties.

SO ORDERED."

By authority of the Court:

TERESITA UAZON of Court for 11/29 Division 2 9 NOV 2022

- 3 Id. at 177–180.
- 4 Id. at 172–176.

¹ Rollo, pp. 170–171.

² Id. at 169.

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*with copy of the Report and Recommendation dated September 1, 2021 **For this resolution only *Please notify the Court of any change in your address.* AC13235. 07/27/2022A(236)URES