



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUPREME COURT
Manila

SECOND DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **28 March 2022** which reads as follows:*

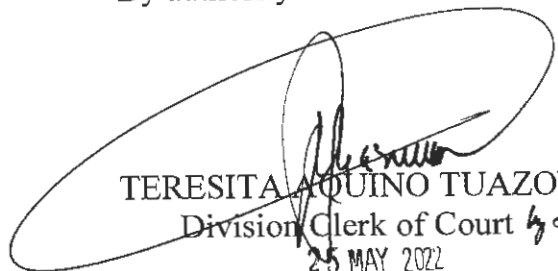
“**A.C. No. 8993 (Spouses Arturo A. Villegas and Erlinda Q. Villegas v. Atty. Joseph U. Bernaldez)**. — The Court **RESOLVES** to **ADOPT** and **APPROVE** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in the attached Resolutions dated August 10, 2014¹ and November 29, 2016.² Accordingly, the Court hereby **PROHIBITS** respondent Atty. Joseph U. Bernaldez (respondent) from being commissioned as notary public for a period of two (2) years; and **REVOKES** his incumbent commission as notary public, if any. He is **STERNLY WARNED** that a repetition of the same or similar acts in the future shall be dealt with more severely.

The prohibition from being commissioned as notary public and the revocation of his Notarial commission, if any, shall take effect immediately upon receipt of this Resolution by respondent. He is **DIRECTED** to immediately file a Manifestation to the Court that his penalty has started, copy furnished all courts and quasi-judicial bodies where he has entered his appearance as counsel.

Let copies of this Resolution be furnished to: (1) the Office of the Bar Confidant to be appended to respondent’s personal record as an attorney; (2) the Integrated Bar of the Philippines for its information and guidance; and (3) the Office of the Court Administrator for circulation to all courts in the country.

SO ORDERED.”

By authority of the Court:


TERESITA AQUINO TUAZON
Division Clerk of Court *by 5/24*
25 MAY 2022

¹ *Rollo*, pp. 88-89. Signed by National Secretary Nasser A. Marohomsalic.

² *Id.* at 86-87. Signed by Secretary for the Meeting Avelino V. Sales, Jr.

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*with attached Resolution dated 10 August 2014 & 29 November 2016

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J. C. G.