



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUPREME COURT
Manila

SECOND DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **03 February 2020** which reads as follows:*

“G.R. No. 249979 (Edwin Quia Balong-Angey v. Court of Appeals, Office of the Ombudsman, and the Field Investigation Office). – The Court resolves to **NOTE** and **ACCEPT** the compliance dated December 19, 2019 by petitioner Edwin Quia Balong-Angey (petitioner) with the November 25, 2019 Resolution, submitting his full contact details.

After a judicious study of the case, the Court further resolves to **DENY** the instant petition¹ since it appears that the May 28, 2019 Decision² of the Court of Appeals (CA) had already attained finality. Records reveal that petitioner received the CA Decision on June 12, 2019, and hence, he had fifteen days from its receipt, or until June 27, 2019, to file his motion for reconsideration.³ However, he belatedly filed his motion for extension to file a motion for reconsideration and his motion for reconsideration on July 11, 2019 and July 29, 2019, respectively,⁴ thereby, making the CA Decision final and executory. Settled is the rule that once a judgment attains finality, it may no longer be modified in any respect, even if such modification is meant to correct what is perceived to be an erroneous conclusion of fact or law, and regardless of whether the modification is attempted to be made by the court rendering it or by the highest court of the land,⁵ save for certain exceptions,⁶ none of which obtain in this case.

In any event, the CA properly found petitioner guilty of Simple Neglect of Duty for his failure to exercise such prudence, caution, and attention when he attested to the legality and regularity of the transactions despite the irregularities

¹ Rollo, pp. 26-32.

² Id. at 5-19. Penned by Associate Justice Ramon M. Bato, Jr. with Associate Justices Ramon A. Cruz and Ronaldo Roberto B. Martin, concurring.

³ See id. at 149.

⁴ See id.

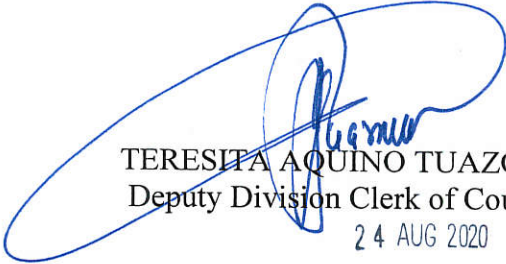
⁵ See *Metropolitan Cebu Water District v. Mactan Rock Industries, Inc.*, 690 Phil. 163, 176 (2012).

⁶ *One Shipping Corporation v. Penafiel*, 751 Phil. 204, 211 (2015).

therein, and subsequently, signed the Disbursement Voucher⁷ despite knowing that he is not the proper signatory thereto.

SO ORDERED. (Hernando, J., on official leave.)”

Very truly yours,



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⁷ Not attached to the *rollo*.