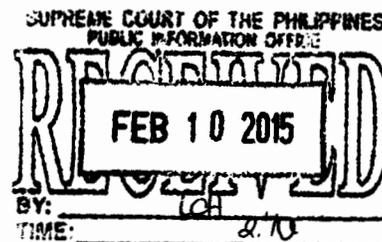




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NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution dated **January 21, 2015** which reads as follows:*

“G.R. No. 213618 (WS Sports, Inc. and Gerardo Tan v. Hon. Esteban A. Tacla, Jr., in his capacity as Presiding Judge of Regional Trial Court, Mandaluyong City, Branch 208 and Spouses Maricon and Deo Agner, doing business under the name and style “MMI Medical Supplies & Beauty Products”).- The private respondents’ comment on the petition for certiorari and mandamus and the petitioners’ reply thereto are NOTED.

After a judicious perusal of the records, the Court resolves to **DISMISS** the instant petition for failure to observe the doctrine of hierarchy of courts. While it is true that the Court of Appeals (CA) and the Court have concurrent jurisdiction to issue a writ of *certiorari*, such concurrence of jurisdiction does not give a party unbridled freedom to choose the venue of his action lest he run afoul of the doctrine of hierarchy of courts,¹ as in this case. Instead, a becoming regard for judicial hierarchy dictates that petitions for the issuance of *certiorari* against Regional Trial Courts should be filed before the CA before resort may be had before the Court,² failing which the petition must perforce be dismissed.

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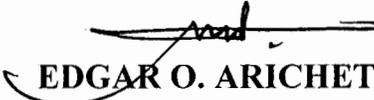
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¹ *A.L. Ang Network, Inc. v. Emma Mondejar, accompanied by her husband, Efren Mondejar*, G.R. No. 200804, January 22, 2014.

² See *Rayos v. City of Manila*, G.R. No. 196063, December 14, 2011, 662 SCRA 684, 689; citations omitted.

SO ORDERED.”

Very truly yours,


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