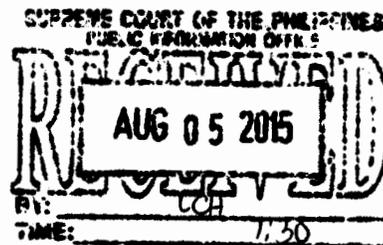




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FIRST DIVISION



NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution dated July 1, 2015 which reads as follows:*

**“G.R. No. 216818 (Heirs of Domingo Lucas, represented by Flora Piso-Lucas, Loly Lucas-Piso, represented by Jelly Ann Lucas-Piso, Ferdinand Lucas, Daisy Lucas, and Noradel Lucas v. Heirs of Alberto Lucas, Sr., represented by Erlinda Ventura-Lucas, Alberto Lucas, Jr., Julyda Lucas, and Jovito Lucas, Peter Lucas, Marina Lucas-Nagun, Violeta Lucas-Lara Cruz, and Amparo Lucas-Tapaoan).** – The petitioners’ motion for an extension of thirty (30) days within which to file a petition for review on certiorari is **GRANTED**, counted from the expiration of the reglementary period.

After a judicious review of the records, the Court resolves to **DENY** the instant petition and **AFFIRM** the February 6, 2015 Decision<sup>1</sup> of the Court of Appeals (CA) in CA-G.R. CV No. 100044 for failure of petitioners Heirs of Domingo Lucas, represented by Flora Piso-Lucas, Loly Lucas-Piso, represented by Jelly Ann Lucas-Piso, Ferdinand Lucas, Daisy Lucas, and Noradel Lucas (petitioners) to show that the CA committed any reversible error in upholding the partition of the subject land which belonged to the estate of Eugenio Lucas (Eugenio).

As correctly ruled by the CA, Eugenio is the registered owner of the subject land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1439, and as such, it is but proper to partition the same among his intestate heirs. Settled

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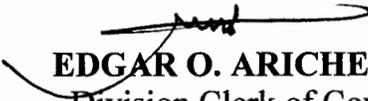
<sup>1</sup> Rollo, pp. 18-30. Penned by Associate Justice Nina G. Antonio-Valenzuela with Associate Justices Magdangal M. De Leon and Jane Aurora C. Lantion concurring.

is the rule that a certificate of title is the best proof of ownership of a parcel of land.<sup>2</sup> Further, factual findings of the trial court, when adopted and confirmed by the CA, are binding and conclusive on this Court, and will generally not be reviewed on appeal absent any of the exceptions laid down by jurisprudence,<sup>3</sup> as in this case.

Moreover, the petition suffers from procedural defect in that the petitioners failed to attach a duplicate original or certified true copy of the April 24, 2012 Decision of the Regional Trial Court of Urdaneta City, Pangasinan, Branch 45 as required under Section 4(d), in relation to Section 5, Rule 45 of the Rules of Court.

**SO ORDERED.”**

Very truly yours,

  
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<sup>2</sup> *Abobon v. Abobon*, G.R. No. 155830, August 15, 2012, 678 SCRA 399, 407-408; citation omitted.

<sup>3</sup> *Insular Investment and Trust Corporation v. Capital One Equities Corp.*, G.R. No. 183308, April 25, 2012, 671 SCRA 112, 124-125; citation omitted.