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NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that the Court, First Division, issued a Resolution dated October 1, 2019 which reads as follows:

"OCA IPI No. 18-2997-MTJ (Larry J. Javelona, Larry B. Belonio, Francisca B. Belonio, Renante B. Belonio, Recaredo P. Belonio,^{*} *et al.*, represented by Atty. Nenita C. Mahinay v. Judge Evelyn D. Arsenio)

The Court **RESOLVES** to **ADOPT** and **APPROVE** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the Office of the Court Administrator in its Memorandum¹ dated August 6, 2019. Accordingly, the administrative complaint² against respondent Presiding Judge Evelyn D. Arsenio of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Victorias City, Negros Occidental, is hereby **DISMISSED** for raising issues that are judicial in nature and for lack of merit.

Furthermore, it is well-settled that errors, if any, committed by a judge in the exercise of his adjudicative functions cannot be corrected through administrative proceedings, but should instead be assailed through available judicial remedies.³ Resort to and exhaustion of judicial remedies and a final ruling on the matter are prerequisites for the taking of appropriate measures against the judges concerned, whether of criminal, civil or administrative nature.⁴ Absent any showing that complainants Larry J. Javelona, Larry Belonio,

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Id. at 223-226. Signed by Court Administrator Jose Midas P. Marquez.

² *Rollo*, pp. 2-12.

See Re: Verified Complaint of AMA Land, Inc. against Hon. Danton Q. Bueser, Hon. Sesinando E. Villon, and Hon. Ricardo R. Rosario, Associate Justices of the Court of Appeals, 701 Phil. 462, 468 (2013).
Id.

RESOLUTION

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Francisca B. Belonio, Renante B. Belonio, Recaredo P. Belonio, *et al.*, represented by Atty. Nenita C. Mahinay, availed of such remedies, the dismissal of their complaint is warranted.

SO ORDERED." Zalameda, J., designated as Additional Member per Special Order No. 2712 dated September 27, 2019. Carandang, J., on official leave.

Very truly yours,

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