

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SANDIGANBAYAN  
QUEZON CITY

SPECIAL FOURTH DIVISION

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Plaintiff,*

CIVIL CASE NO. 0178

For: Reconveyance  
Reversion  
Accounting  
Restitution

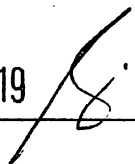
Present:

- versus -

QUIROZ, J., *Chairperson,*  
\*MENDOZA-ARCEGA, J., and  
\*\*HIDALGO, J.

ESTATE OF ANDRES L. AFRICA, ET  
AL.,  
*Defendants.*

Promulgated:

APR 16 2019 

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RESOLUTION

QUIROZ, J.:

On January 28, 2019, Defendants Nieto, et al. filed a *Notices of Death of Parties with Motion for Substitution*<sup>1</sup> dated January 25, 2019 informing the Court that defendant Ramon V. Nieto passed away on October 10, 2004<sup>2</sup> while defendant Rafael C. Valdes passed away on April 20, 2006<sup>3</sup> and praying that the late Ramon V. Nieto and Rafael C. Valdes be substituted by their heirs and legal representatives, Ramon Nieto, Jr. and Benigno Manuel Valdes, respectively.

\* Sitting as Special Member of the Fourth Division per Administrative Order No. 036-2017 dated February 14, 2017.

\*\* Sitting as Special Member of the Fourth Division per Administrative Order No. 502-2018 dated October 3, 2018.

<sup>1</sup> Records Volume III, pp. 207-210.

<sup>2</sup> See Certificate of Death; Id. at 211.

<sup>3</sup> See Certificate of Death; Id. at 212-213.

RESOLUTION

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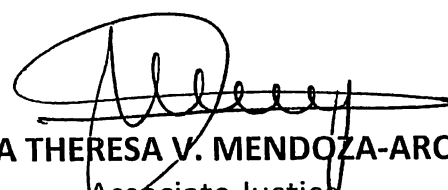
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The plaintiff filed its *Comment*<sup>4</sup> dated March 11, 2019 praying, without objecting to the substitution, for movants' counsel to be directed to give the addresses of the heirs and legal representatives prior to the grant of the motion for substitution.

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, the *Notices of Death* of defendants Ramon V. Nieto and Rafael C. Valdes are **NOTED**. The *Motion for Substitution* is **GRANTED** on the condition that the counsel of defendants Nieto, et al. inform this Court of the addresses of Ramon Nieto, Jr. and Benigno Manuel Valdes within five (5) days from receipt hereof.

**SO ORDERED.**

  
ALEX L. QUIROZ  
Chairperson

  
MARIA THERESA V. MENDOZA-ARCEGA  
Associate Justice

  
GEORGINA D. HIDALGO  
Associate Justice

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<sup>4</sup> Id. at 217-222.