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[A.M. No. P-05-1938, January 30, 2018]

**THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, COMPLAINANT,
VS. MR. CRISPIN C. EGIPTO, JR., CLERK OF COURT IV,
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES, PAGADIAN CITY,
RESPONDENT.**

R E S O L U T I O N

PER CURIAM:

On November 7, 2017, the Court found and declared the respondent guilty of gross neglect of duty, dishonesty and grave misconduct for failing to remit his collections on time, and dismissed him from the service, disposing thusly:

WHEREFORE, the Court **FINDS** and **DECLARES** respondent **CRISPIN C. EGIPTO, JR.**, Clerk of Court IV, Municipal Trial Court in Cities of Pagadian City, **GUILTY** of **DISHONESTY** and **GRAVE MISCONDUCT**; and, **ACCORDINGLY, DISMISSES** him from the service with forfeiture of all retirement benefits (excluding earned leave credits), with prejudice to his re-employment in the Government, including government-owned or government-controlled corporations.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Employees Leave Division, Office of Administrative Services, Office of the Court Administrator, to determine the balance of his earned leave credits; and to report thereon to the Finance Division, Fiscal Management Office, Office of the Court Administrator for purposes of computing the monetary value of his earned leave credits for release to him.

SO ORDERED.

The respondent now moves for the reconsideration of the decision particularly seeking the reduction of his penalty of dismissal with forfeiture of all his retirement benefits (excluding earned leave credits), to suspension of six months, or to a fine in an equitable amount considering his service in the Judiciary for more than 36 years; his unqualified and candid acknowledgement of his offense; his feeling of remorse; his full restitution of the shortages amounting to 98,652.81; his advancing age and medical condition; and his nearing the mandatory retirement by January 4, 2019.

We grant the motion for reconsideration.

In *Arganosa-Maniego v. Salinas*,^[1] the Court explained: