

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current:

Lawyer/Policy, Law and Gender Consultant

Provides legal support, training, technical expertise on gender, law, peace and security

Faculty

School of Law, Ateneo de Manila University

Makati City

MA Humanities Program, St. Scholastica's College

Manila City

Past:

I. Government Sector:

Undersecretary

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Office of the President of the Philippines
Pasig City, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016

Over-all supervision on the implementation of peace agreements with two former rebel groups; oversight on the national development program to address priority needs in areas affected by the peace process; headed the national action plan on women, peace and security, including the Technical Working Group of the Steering Committee on National Action Plan-Women, Peace and Security

Assistant Secretary

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Office of the President of the Philippines
Pasig City, January - August 2004

Performed functions relevant to policies on the peace process.

Director III

National Anti-Poverty Commission, Office of the President of the Philippines

Quezon City, March 2001 to December 2003

Performed functions related to issues and agenda of the basic sectors covered by Republic Act 8425 (Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act); crafted policies pursuant thereto; managed the regular NAPC En Banc with the President as Chair

Chief of Staff/ Political Legislation Officer Chief

Office of Representative Patricia M. Sarenas, Party-List Abanse! PINAY

House of Representatives, Congress of the Philippines

Quezon City, 1998-1999

Drafted and reviewed bills on women; served as technical support to the Committee on Women of the House of Representatives

II. Private and Civil Society Sector

Faculty

Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health, Ateneo de Manila University
Pasig City, June 2009 to March 2012

Associate Director for Field Operations, Leaders for Health Program

Health Unit, Ateneo Graduate School of Business, Ateneo de Manila University
Makati City, January 2007 to September 2008

Implemented health-led governance program for fourth to sixth class municipalities.

Project Officer

Health Unit, Ateneo Graduate School of Business, Ateneo de Manila University
Makati City, October 2008 to March 2011

Developed and ran health-related courses for special groups of clients of the school.

Coordinator, Women's Unit

Sentro ng Alternatibong Lingap Panligal (SALIGAN)
Quezon City, 1990 to 2001; September 2004 to December 2006

Performed alternative law/public interest law related work: drafted and lobbied for gender equality legislations, including Anti-Sexual Harassment Law, Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act, Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act, Magna Carta of Women; provided training on laws, human rights and related topics; litigated cases involving marginalized sectors, mostly women; developed and managed law-related projects for women.

Social Worker

Center for Overseas Workers, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines
Quezon City, 1986-1987

Assisted Overseas Filipino Workers in work-related concerns; handled sessions for Pre-Departure Orientation Seminars (PDOS)

Jesuit Volunteer/Teacher

Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy
Oriental Mindoro, 1985-1986

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Ateneo de Manila University College of Law
Makati City, March 1991, Dean's List School Year 1989-1990

Bachelor of Arts Major in Economics, Ateneo de Manila University
Quezon City, March 1985, Ateneo Scholarship Fund Recipient

High School, Siena College
Quezon City, March 1981, Homeroom Level First Honors

Grade School, Masambong Elementary School
Quezon City, March 1977, Class Valedictorian

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Philippine Bar
Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Quezon City Chapter

OTHER AFFILIATION

Member, Gender Resource Pool
Philippine Commission on Women, 2017 to present

COURSES ATTENDED

Advanced Security Cooperation 12-2
Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies
Honolulu, Hawaii, USA (Certificate) September –October 2012

Study Tour on Family Mediation
Sponsored by the National Judicial Institute
(Canada) through the CIDA- JURIS Project
British Columbia, Canada August 2004

Bridging Leadership
Asian Institute of Management (Certificate) April 28-May 2, 2003

The Equal Status and Human Rights of Women
Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University
Lund, Sweden (Diploma) October 1996

Feminist Theories
KALAYAAN 1993
Quezon City, Philippines

WRITING EXPERIENCE

Co-Writer and Co-Editor, Security Sector Reform
And Governance in the Philippines, Themes for
SSRG Advocates 2022
For Ateneo Initiative for Southeast Asian Studies

Co-writer, Bridging Digital Divide for Women and Girls
In the Philippines 2022
For Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Main Writer, Land Reform, Judicial Independence and
The Rule of Law: Whither Goes *Mang Juan?* 2021
For the International Center for Innovation
Transformation and Excellence in Governance and
Asia Democracy Research Network

Main Writer, Gendered Mapping: Peace and Security Frontliners 2021

During the COVID-19 Pandemic
For Philippine Commission on Women

Main Writer, Interpretation of Participation of Bangsamoro
Government in National Government under RA 11054 2021
For the World Bank

Lead Writer, Strengthening Gender Equality in Law:
an Analysis of Philippine Legislation 2020
For International Development Law Organization

Co-Writer, Policy Brief, Gender Considerations in
Preventing Violent Extremism: Perspectives from 2019
Women's Groups and Civil Society in the Philippines
For UN Women

Lead Writer, Gender Responsiveness of the Judiciary: 2018
Gender Survey of the Court of Appeals Decisions
For The Asia Foundation

Lead Writer Gender Equality Report, Philippines 2018
of the International Center for Innovation, Transformation
And Excellence in Governance (INCITEGov)
For Asia Democracy Research Network

Co-writer, Gender Budgeting in the Philippines:
A Review of the GAD Budget Policy Experience 2001

Accessing Judicial Services for the Poor in the Philippines, 2000
Workshop on Accessing Legal and Judicial Services
for Women in Sub-Saharan Africa
Togo, West Africa
Sponsored by the World Bank

Main Writer and Consultant for the following laws:

Implementing Rules and Regulations on the 2019
Safe Spaces Act (Republic Act 11313)

Draft bill submitted to Congress that 2006-2010
became law and Implementing Rules and Regulations
on the Magna Carta of Women (Republic Act 9710)

Implementing Rules and Regulations on the 2009
Anti-Torture Law (Republic Act 9745)

Drafted national rules relevant to implementation of Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act
(Rep Act 8425); policies on reintegration of former rebels; policies on women, peace and
security.

Part of the writing and editing team for various publication of SALIGAN such as: Primer on the Family Code, Manual for Paralegals on Violence against Women, Manual on Sexual Harassment, Violence Against Women and Local Legislation