



CURRICULUM VITAE

Ms. PERSIDA V. RUEDA-ACOSTA

Chief Public Attorney

Public Attorney's Office (PAO), Department of Justice (DOJ)



Professional Employment

2001 – Present	Chief Public Attorney, Public Attorney's Office
1993 – 2001	Partner, Acosta Rueda-Acosta and Associates Law Office
1990 - 1993	Public Attorney, Public Attorney's Office
1990	Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Branch 96, Quezon City

Biography

CHIEF PUBLIC ATTORNEY PERSIDA V. RUEDA-ACOSTA, 4th Placer in the 1989 Philippine Bar Examinations, is the nationwide head since February 2001, of the Public Attorney's Office, the principal law office of the Philippine Government in extending free legal assistance to indigent persons and other mandated clients.

Chief Acosta is a Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executive Fellow and an Asian Public Intellectuals Senior Fellow. She is also a Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar and the USA International Visitor Program.

She has been a Resource Person in various seminars, the latest of which on legal aid are the *International Conference on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems* hosted by the UNDP and UNODC (together with the Government of South Africa, Legal Aid South Africa, the International Legal Foundation), held in 2014 in Johannesburg, South Africa; and the *Open-Ended Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems* hosted by the UNODC in 2011 in Vienna, Austria.

As a multi-awarded public servant, foremost among her awards is the *Presidential Award for Outstanding Public Service*, recognizing "her deep commitment to the service which helped restore people's faith in the judicial system as she valiantly worked for the staying of the execution of death convicts despite threats to her life."