

Dr. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta

Chief Public Attorney
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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

Dr. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, D.S.D, 4th Placer in the 1989 Philippine Bar Examinations, is the nationwide head, since February 2001, of the Public Attorney's Office, principal law office of the Philippine government in extending free legal assistance to indigents and other qualified clients in criminal, civil, labor, administrative and other quasi-judicial cases. She is a Doctor of Social Development graduate (GWA 1.20) from the University of the Philippines, and has completed the *Senior Executive Fellows Program*, as well as the *Senior Executive Program on National and International Security* at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), U.S.A.

Dr. Acosta is an Asian Public Intellectuals (API) Senior Fellow. She is also a Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar and the U.S.A. International Visitor Program. She is a holder of a Certificate in an Executive Education Program on *Public Financial Management in the Changing World* from the HKS, and another Certificate in a Training Seminar Course on *International Management and Leadership* from the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies, London.

As a multi-awarded public servant, her major significant award is the Civil Service Commission's *Lingkod Bayan Award (Highest Presidential Award for Outstanding Public Service)*. Last July 14, 2018, the Citizen National Guard honored her with the *Most Outstanding Filipino Patriot Award*, along with the late Filipino hero, Andres Bonifacio, who was posthumously recognized.