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BIOGRAPHY

DR. PERSIDA V. RUEDA-ACOSTA, DSD, Chief Public Attorney of the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) since February 23, 2001, is the 4th Placer in the Philippine 1989 Bar Examinations. She completed the Senior Executive Fellows Program, and Senior Executive Program on National and International Security at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), Massachusetts, U.S.A. She acquired a Certificate in Public Financial Management, also from HKS, and a Professional Certificate in International Management and Leadership from the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies, London. She attended the Salzburg Global Seminar as Fellow in February 2023, and 2009.

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She had her legal studies at the Ateneo de Manila University (Dr. Antonio del Castillo Memorial Scholar), and the University of the East (President Dalupan Scholar). As a Civil Service Commission Lingkod Bayan (Public Servant) Scholar and University Scholar, she finished her Doctor of Social Development (DSD) degree from the College of Social Work and Community Development, University of the Philippines (Diliman), with a General Weighted Average of 1.20.