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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713

Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards For Public Officials and Employees



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SECTION 2: DECLARATION OF POLICIES

- It is the policy of the State to promote a **high standard of ethics** in public service.
- Public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with **utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty**, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, and uphold public interest over personal interest.



COVERAGE

All elective and appointive officials and employees, permanent or temporary, whether in the career or non-career service, including military and police personnel, whether or not they receive compensation, regardless of amount.



DEFINITION OF TERMS

Gift- refers to a thing or a right to dispose of gratuitously, or any act or liberality, in favor of another who accepts it, and shall include a simulated sale or an ostensibly onerous disposition thereof. It shall not include an unsolicited gift of nominal or insignificant value not given in anticipation of, or in exchange for, a favor from a public official or employee.



DEFINITION OF TERMS

Receiving any gift- includes the act of accepting directly or indirectly, a gift from a person other than a member of his family or relative as defined in this Act, even on the occasion of a family celebration or national festivity like Christmas, if the value of the gift is neither nominal nor insignificant, or the gift is given in anticipation of, or in exchange for, a favor.

Norms of Conduct of Public Officials and Employees



Every public official and employee shall observe the following as standards of personal conduct in the discharge and execution of official duties:

- A. Commitment to Public Interest**
- B. Professionalism**
- C. Justness and Sincerity**
- D. Political Neutrality**
- E. Responsiveness to the Public**
- F. Nationalism and Patriotism**
- G. Commitment to Democracy**
- H. Simple Living**





(A) COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC INTEREST

- Public officials and employees shall always **uphold the public interest** over and above personal interest.
- All **government resources and powers** of their respective offices must be employed and **used efficiently, effectively, honestly and economically**, particularly to avoid wastage in public funds and revenues.



(B) PROFESSIONALISM

- Public officials and employees shall perform and discharge their duties with the **highest degree of excellence, professionalism, intelligence and skill.**
- They shall enter public service with **utmost devotion and dedication to duty.**

PROFESSIONALISM
AND RESPECT AT
WORK





(C) JUSTNESS and SINCERITY

- Public officials and employees shall **remain true** to the people at all times.
- They must **act with justness and sincerity** and shall **not discriminate against anyone**, especially the poor and the underprivileged.
- They shall at all times **respect the rights of others**, and shall **refrain from doing acts contrary to law, good morals, good customs, public policy, public order, public safety and public interest.**



- They shall **not dispense or extend undue favors** on account of their office to their relatives.





(D) POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

- Public officials and employees shall **provide service to everyone** without unfair discrimination and regardless of party affiliation or preference.



**Serve everyone,
discriminate no one.**



**DAILY
REMINDER**

“
*Not all in
government are
greedy. Some
remain true,
serving with
sincerity and
heart.*”

DR. PERSIDA V. RUEDA-ACOSTA, DSD, JD
Chief Public Attorney



(E) RESPONSIVENESS TO THE PUBLIC

-Public officials and employees shall extend **prompt, courteous, and adequate service to the public.**



(F) NATIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM

- Public officials and employees shall at all times be **loyal to the Republic and to the Filipino people**, promote the use of locally produced goods, resources and technology and encourage appreciation and pride of country and people. They shall endeavor to **maintain and defend Philippine sovereignty against foreign intrusion.**



(G) COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY

- Public officials and employees shall commit themselves to the **democratic way of life and values, maintain the principle of public accountability,** and manifest by deeds the supremacy of civilian authority over the military. They shall at all times **uphold the Constitution and put loyalty to country above loyalty to persons or party.**



DAILY REMINDER

“
Remember: if the blanket is short, learn to adjust. And if you have no steady source of income, never enter into something that will only push you into debt.”

DR. PERSIDA V. RUEDA-ACOSTA, DSD, JD
Chief Public Attorney



(H) SIMPLE LIVING

- Public officials and employees and their families shall **lead modest lives appropriate to their positions and income.** They shall not indulge in extravagant or ostentatious display of wealth in any form.



DUTIES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

In the performance of their duties, all public officials and employees are under obligation to:

(a) Act promptly on letters and requests- All public officials and employees shall, **within fifteen (15) working days from receipt thereof, respond to letters, or other means of communications sent by public.**



RA 6713 in relation to R.A. No. 11032

“AN ACT PROMOTING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”



SECTION 9: ACCESSING GOVERNMENT SERVICES

The following shall be adopted by all government offices and agencies:

xxx xxx (b) Action of Offices- (1) All applications or requests submitted shall be acted upon by the assigned officer or employee within the prescribed processing time stated in the Citizen's Charter which shall **not be longer than three (3) working days in the case of simple transactions and seven (7) working days in the case of complex transactions** from the date the request and/or complete application or request was received.



SECTION 9: ACCESSING GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- For applications or requests involving **activities which pose danger to public health, public safety, public morals, public policy, and highly technical application**, the prescribed processing time shall in **no case be longer than twenty (20) working days** or as determined by the government agency or instrumentality concerned, whichever is shorter.
- The maximum time prescribed above may be **extended only once for the same number of days**.



DUTIES OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

- (b) Submit annual performance reports within forty-five (45) working days from the end of the year, render a performance report of the agency or office or corporation concerned.**
- (c) Process documents and papers expeditiously.**
- (d) Act immediately on the public's personal transactions.**
- (e) Make documents accessible to the public within reasonable working hours.**



PROHIBITED ACTS & TRANSACTIONS

(a) Financial and material interest- Public officials and employees shall **not, directly or indirectly,** have any **financial or material interest** in any transaction requiring the approval of their office.





PROHIBITED ACTS & TRANSACTIONS

(b) Outside employment and other activities related thereto- Public officials and employees during their incumbency shall **not**:

(1) Own, control, manage or accept employment as officer, employee, consultant, counsel, broker, agent, trustee or nominee in any private enterprise regulated, supervised or licensed by their office unless expressly allowed by law;



PROHIBITED ACTS & TRANSACTIONS

(2) Engage in the private practice of their profession unless authorized by the Constitution or law, provided, that such practice will not conflict or tend to conflict with their official functions; or

(3) Recommend any person to any position in a private enterprise which has a regular or pending official transaction with their office.



PROHIBITED ACTS & TRANSACTIONS

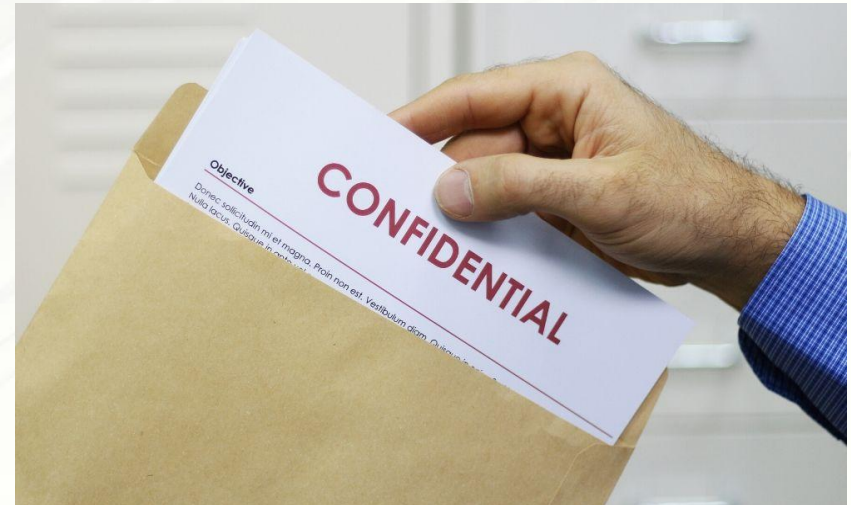
These prohibitions shall continue to apply for a **period of one (1) year after resignation, retirement, or separation from public office.**

The professional concerned cannot practice his profession in connection with any matter before the office he used to be with, in which case the **one-year prohibition shall likewise apply.**



PROHIBITED ACTS & TRANSACTIONS

(c) Disclosure and/or misuse of confidential information- Public officials and employees shall not use or divulge, confidential or classified information officially known to them by reason of their office and not made available to the public.





PROHIBITED ACTS & TRANSACTIONS

(d) Solicitation or acceptance of gifts- Public officials and employees shall not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan or anything of monetary value from any person in the course of their official duties or in any transaction which may be affected by the functions of their office.



STATEMENTS AND DISCLOSURE

(A) Statements of Assets and Liabilities and Financial Disclosure - Public officials and employees have an obligation to **accomplish and submit declarations under oath of**, and the public has the right to know, their **assets, liabilities, net worth and financial and business interests** including those of their spouses and of unmarried children under eighteen (18) years of age living in their households.



STATEMENTS AND DISCLOSURE

The documents must be filed:

- (a) within thirty (30) days after assumption of office;**
- (b) on or before April 30, of every year thereafter;**
and
- (c) within thirty (30) days after separation from the service.**



STATEMENTS AND DISCLOSURE

(B) Identification and disclosure of relatives- It shall be the duty of every public official or employee to **identify and disclose** his **relatives in the Government.**

(C) Accessibility of documents- Any and all statements filed under this Act, shall be made available for inspection at reasonable hours.



STATEMENTS AND DISCLOSURE

(D) Prohibited acts- - It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain or use any statement filed under this Act for:

**(a) any purpose contrary to morals or public policy;
or**

(b) any commercial purpose other than by news and communications media for dissemination to the general public.



DIVESTMENT

A public official or employee shall avoid conflicts of interest at all times. When a conflict of interest arises, he shall resign from his position in any private business enterprise within thirty (30) days from his assumption of office and/or divest himself of his shareholdings or interest within sixty (60) days from such assumption.



DIVESTMENT



The requirement of divestment shall not apply to those who serve the Government in an honorary capacity nor to laborers and casual or temporary workers.



PENALTIES

(a) Any public official or employee, regardless of whether or not he holds office or employment in a casual, temporary, holdover, permanent or regular capacity, committing any violation of this Act shall be punished with a fine not exceeding the equivalent of six (6) months' salary or suspension not exceeding one (1) year, or removal depending on the gravity of the offense after due notice and hearing by the appropriate body or agency.



PENALTIES

Violations of Sections 7 (Prohibited Acts and Transactions), 8 (Statements and Disclosure) or 9 (Divestment) of this Act shall be punishable with imprisonment not exceeding five (5) years, or a fine not exceeding five thousand pesos (P5,000), or both, and, in the discretion of the court of competent jurisdiction, disqualification to hold public office.



PENALTIES

(b) Any **violation** hereof proven in a proper administrative proceeding shall **be sufficient cause for removal or dismissal of a public official or employee**, even if no criminal prosecution is instituted against him.

(c) **Private individuals who participate in conspiracy** as co-principals, accomplices or accessories, with public officials or employees, in violation of this Act, shall be subject to the **same penal liabilities as the public officials or employees and shall be tried jointly with them.**



PENALTIES

(d) The official or employee concerned may bring an action against any person who obtains or uses a report for any purpose prohibited by Section 8 (D) of this Act. The Court in which such action is brought may assess against such person a **penalty in any amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand pesos (P25,000). If another sanction hereunder or under any other law is heavier, the latter shall apply.**



FILOMENA L. VILLANUEVA VS. PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES (G.R. NO. 237738, June 10, 2019, Honorable Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe)

Facts: Filomena L. Villanueva was the Assistant Regional Director of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for Region II.

She obtained a ₱1,000,000.00 loan from the Claveria Agri-Based Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Inc., a cooperative under the supervision and regulation of her office.

Issue: Whether she violated Section 7(d) of Republic Act No. 6713, which prohibits public officials from soliciting or accepting gifts, gratuities,

or loans from persons or entities whose interests may be affected by their office.





FILOMENA L. VILLANUEVA VS. PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES (G.R. NO. 237738, June 10, 2019, Honorable Associate Justice Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe)

Ruling: YES. Villanueva was found to have violated the law. Even if the loan appeared to be a regular transaction, the fact that the cooperative was under the supervision of the CDA created a prohibited situation. The ruling emphasized that public officials must avoid not only actual impropriety but also the appearance of impropriety.



Penalty: Villanueva was imposed a fine of Php5,000.00, as her acts were not shown to have been attended by any ill motive or bad faith.



EDUARDO F. BAGO VS. JOEL FERAREN, SHERIFF III (A.M NO. P-01-1466, Sept. 3, 2003, Honorable Associate Justice Ma. Alicia Austria-Martinez)

Facts: Joel E. Feraren, Sheriff III of the Metropolitan Trial Court of Makati City, borrowed ₱4,500.00 from Eduardo F. Bago on October 3, 1997, payable within ten days. Despite admitting the debt, Feraren failed to pay for more than two years, prompting Bago to file an administrative complaint for non-payment of a just debt.

Issue: Whether Feraren may be held administratively liable for his willful failure to pay a just debt, and whether such act constitutes a violation of Republic Act No. 6713.





EDUARDO F. BAGO VS. JOEL FERAREN, SHERIFF III (A.M NO. P-01-1466, Sept. 3, 2003, Honorable Associate Justice Ma. Alicia Austria-Martinez)

Ruling: NO. Since Feraren's act of borrowing money from the complainant is not in any way connected with the discharge of his official duties as sheriff, he may not be held accountable under R.A. 7613.

However, he was held administratively liable for his failure to pay his debt to complainant, an act which is considered unbecoming of a public employee and a ground for disciplinary action under the Administrative Code of 1987. As a court employee, he is required to comply with just contractual obligations, act fairly and adhere to high ethical standards to preserve the court's integrity.

Penalty: He was reprimanded and sternly warned that repetition of the same or similar act will be dealt with more severely.





FILIPINA SAMSON VS. JULIA A. RESTRIVERA

(G.R. No. 178454, March 28, 2011, Honorable Associate Justice Martin S. Villarama, Jr.)

Facts: Filipina Samson, a department head of the Population Commission, agreed to help her friend Julia A. Restrivera secure a land title under the Torrens system. She received ₱50,000 as initial payment but failed to complete the task after discovering that the land was government-owned. Despite knowing she could not legally secure the title, she did not promptly return the money. Restrivera subsequently filed both estafa and administrative complaints with the Office of the Ombudsman for grave misconduct or conduct unbecoming a public officer.



**ADMINISTRATIVELY LIABLE
FOR A PRIVATE TRANSACTION?**

Issue: Whether Samson may be held administratively liable for her private transaction, particularly for violation of Section 4(b) (Professionalism) of Republic Act No. 6713, and whether her acts constitute grave misconduct or other administrative offenses.



FILIPINA SAMSON VS. JULIA A. RESTRIVERA

(G.R. No. 178454, March 28, 2011, Honorable Associate Justice Martin S. Villarama, Jr.)

Ruling: PARTLY YES. The Ombudsman can exercise jurisdiction even over acts not related to official duties, and administrative liability is independent of criminal liability. However, Samson cannot be held liable under Section 4(b) of R.A. 6713 because it merely provides norms of conduct and is not a ground for disciplinary action. She is likewise not guilty of grave misconduct, as there was no evidence of corruption or intent to violate the law. However, her failure to return the ₱50,000 constitutes conduct unbecoming a public officer, as it breaches basic ethical standards expected of public servants and undermines public trust.



Penalty: She was ordered to pay a fine of ₱15,000 and to return ₱50,000 with 12% interest per annum from March 2001 until fully paid.





EDITA S. BUENO and MILAGROS E. QUINAJON VS OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, NAPOLEON S. RONQUILLO, EDNA G. RAÑA AND ROMEO G. REFRUTO (G.R. No. 191712, September 17, 2014, Honorable Associate Justice Martin S. Villarama, Jr.)

Facts: Petitioners Edita S. Bueno (NEA Administrator) and Milagros E. Quinajon implemented memoranda requiring the automatic resignation of electric cooperative officials upon filing of candidacy or related circumstances. Despite an opinion from the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) declaring the memoranda ineffective due to lack of proper approval and publication, the petitioners continued to enforce them. Alejandro Ranchez, an affected cooperative director, repeatedly sought clarification and reconsideration, but the petitioners failed to promptly respond or inform him that the NEA Board had already approved the memorandum. This led to an administrative complaint before the Office of the Ombudsman for violation of RA 6713 and neglect of duty.

Issue: Whether petitioners are administratively liable for violating Section 5(a) (Act Promptly on Letters

MAY THE OMBUDSMAN ENTERTAIN THE COMPLAINT?



and Requests) of Republic Act No. 6713 for failing to act promptly on Ranchez's requests, and whether the Ombudsman may entertain the complaint despite the complainants' alleged lack of personal interest.



**EDITA S. BUENO and MILAGROS E. QUINAJON VS OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN,
NAPOLEON S. RONQUILLO, EDNA G. RAÑA AND ROMEO G. REFRUTO
(G.R. No. 191712, September 17, 2014, Honorable Associate Justice Martin S. Villarama, Jr.)**

Ruling: YES. The Ombudsman has the authority to investigate complaints filed by any person and may exercise discretion even if the complainant lacks direct personal interest. Petitioners violated Section 5(a) of RA 6713 by failing to respond within 15 days and by not informing Ranchez that the NEA Board had approved the memorandum. The absence of bad faith does not excuse non-compliance with the law, as prompt action on public requests is a mandatory duty of public officials

Penalty: Petitioners were found guilty of a light offense and were reprimanded (first offense).

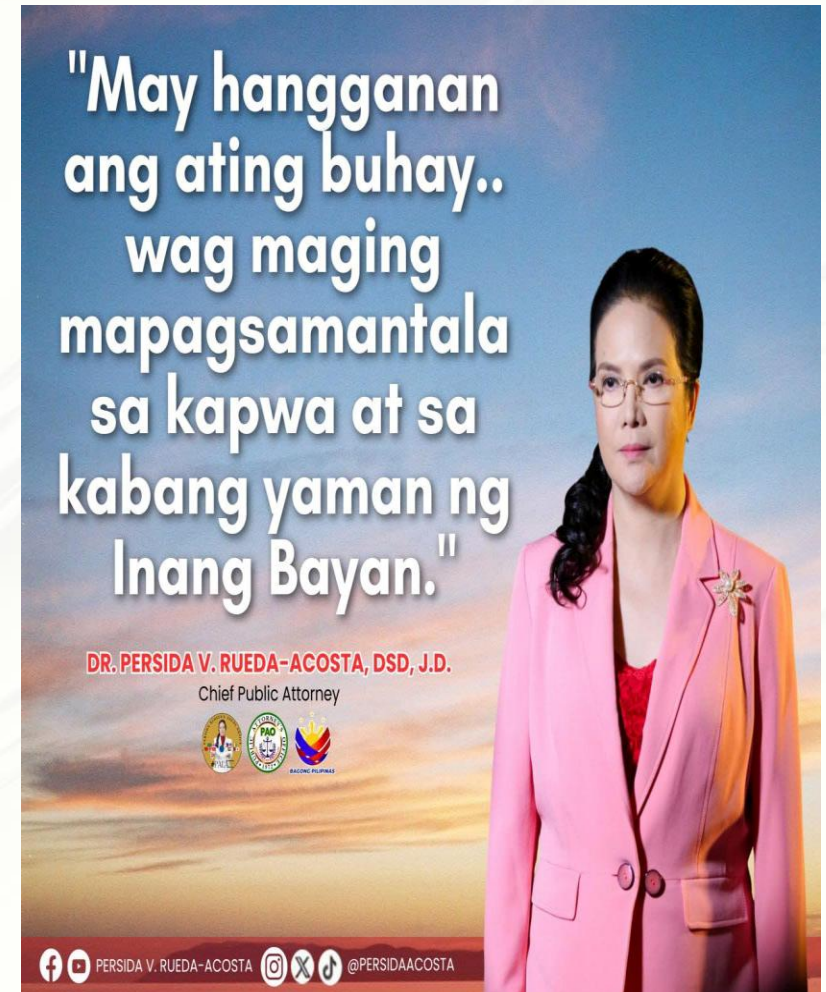




AMADEL C. ABOS VS. SALVADOR A. BORRROMEO IV, CLERK III, RTC BRANCH 45, SAN JOSE, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO (A.M NO. P-05-3347, July 29, 2015, Hon. Sr. Associate Justice Marvic M.V.F. Leonen)

Facts: Salvador A. Borrromeo IV, Clerk III of Branch 45, Regional Trial Court of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, uprooted 150 coconut seedlings from a property in dispute on January 19, 2013, and allegedly threatened the complainant and her family. The incident occurred in a private property dispute, unrelated to his official duties.

Issue: Whether Borrromeo's actions constitute conduct unbecoming a public officer and/or conduct prejudicial to the best interest of service, and whether such acts warrant administrative sanctions.





**AMADEL C. ABOS VS. SALVADOR A. BORROMELO IV, CLERK III, RTC BRANCH 45,
SAN JOSE, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO
(A.M NO. P-05-3347, July 29, 2015, Hon. Sr. Associate Justice Marvic M.V.F. Leonen)**

Ruling: Borrromeo was found guilty of both offenses. Although the acts were not performed in the line of duty, he exploited his position as a court employee to interfere in a private dispute, thereby undermining the integrity and image of the judiciary. Public officers are expected to uphold professionalism and ethical standards at all times, including in their private conduct.

Additionally, Borrromeo was held administratively liable for failing to settle his debt to the complainant, an act considered unbecoming of a public employee and a ground for disciplinary action under the Administrative Code of 1987. Court employees are required to comply with contractual obligations, act fairly, and maintain high ethical standards to preserve public trust in the judiciary.

Penalty: Borrromeo was suspended for one (1) year without pay. The recommended one-month suspension by the Office of the Court Administrator was deemed insufficient considering the seriousness of his misconduct.





**RONA S. QUIROZ, COURT STENOGRAPHER, RTC BRANCH 18, MANILA VS. CRISTETA D. ORFILA, COURT AIDE, RTC BRANCH 18, MANILA || CRISTETA D. ORFILA, COURT AIDE, RTC BRANCH 18, MANILA VS RONA S. QUIROZ, COURT STENOGRAPHER, RTC BRANCH 18, MANILA
(A.M NO. P-96-1210, May 7, 1997, Hon. Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban)**

Facts: Rona S. Quiroz, Court Stenographer of Branch 18, Regional Trial Court of Manila, and Cristeta D. Orfila, Court Aide of the same branch, engaged in a heated argument on February 20, 1996, during office hours, which escalated into a physical scuffle. Quiroz also accused Orfila of vending snacks inside court premises without authorization, while Orfila explained that she conducted her small sales discreetly to supplement her income. Both parties sustained minor injuries and exhibited belligerent behavior in the workplace.

No to discourtesy, misconduct, and conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service!

Issue: Whether the actions of Quiroz and Orfila constitute discourtesy, simple misconduct, or conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the service, and whether such acts warrant administrative sanctions under the Civil Civil Service Rules and RA 6713.





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(A.M NO. P-96-1210, May 7, 1997, Hon. Chief Justice Artemio V. Panganiban)

Ruling: Both Quiroz and Orfila were found to have violated ethical standards of conduct expected of court employees. Their shouting, quarrelling, and throwing of objects during office hours constituted discourtesy and simple misconduct. Orfila's vending of snacks without prior approval was deemed unauthorized private business. Both employees' actions reflected poorly on the dignity and integrity of the judiciary, though the offenses were considered light due to their years of service and previous records.



Penalty: Both Quiroz and Orfila were fined ₱1,000 each and warned that repetition of such conduct would result in more severe disciplinary action.

Maraming Salamat Po

17. National Commission on Indigenous Peoples "Recognition"

from Dr. Maria Green T. Pascoa, CESD III, Chairperson held at the Public Attorney's Office, Central Office, Quezon City
March 23, 2026

16. Pacific InterContinental College

Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Dr. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, DSD, JD

"In grateful acknowledgement in her distinguished and invaluable service rendered as Commencement Speaker during the 20th Commencement Ceremony of Pacific InterContinental College (PH and USA) with the theme "Building Hope Through Education Beyond Adversity"

Dr. Sooyeon Hwang, PIC Global Foundation Chairman PICC Convention Hall, Pasay City

15. Municipality of Rapangan, Province of Benguet

Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to Atty. Persida Venturina Rueda-Acosta, Public Attorney's Office Chief

"For her inspiring presence and insightful message significantly elevated the event, leaving a lasting and positive impact on all attendees during the celebration of the Women's Month.

Her participation underscored the importance of leadership, community engagement, and the pivotal role women play in shaping our society's future."

Marris M. Dixon, Municipal Mayor
Lomas, Payak, Kepangan, Benguet
March 18, 2026

14. Municipality of Rapangan, Sarangay Cuba, Province of Benguet

Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to Public Attorney's Office

"Recognition for your dedicated service in the Medical and Legal Outreach Program conducted on Mar 18, 2026, at Cuba Open Gym, Nabajangan, Cuba, Rapangan, Sarangay. Your free legal services and coordination of medical support have greatly benefited our community. Thank you for your commitment to public service!"

Isabel D. Ayres, Puhong Sarangay Cuba Open Gym, Nabajangan, Cuba, Rapangan, Benguet
March 18, 2026

13. The Philippine Association of Local Government Accountants, Inc. (PHALGA, Inc)

Plaque of Appreciation is awarded to Atty. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, Chief, Public Attorney's Office

"For sharing her insights, invaluable contribution, steadfast leadership, and unwavering support to the successful conduct of the 18th Northern Luzon Geographical Conference with the theme: "Lead, Grow, Excel"

Ledonia A. Flores, CPA, MBA, RN - President Benguet Sports Complex Gymnasium, La Trinidad, Benguet
March 16, 2026

12. Gawad Dangal Filipino Awards International Women of the Year

Chief Atty. Persida Acosta

"For her exceptional, profound impact on the community, and unwavering dedication to the empowerment of the Filipino people. This award recognizes her as a beacon of excellence and a true testament to the strength and grace of the modern Filipino."

In celebration of the 2026 International Women's Day issued this Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Six
March 13, 2026

11. National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation

Plaque of Appreciation is awarded to Atty. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, Chief Public Attorney, Public Attorney's Office

"For serving as Resource Person during the Gender and Development (GAD) Symposium and sharing her expertise on "Rights of Women and Obligation of the Husband under the Family Code"

Makati City
March 11, 2026

10. Mrs. Philippines International 2026

Atty. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, in honor of being officially recognized and awarded as "Empowered Leader of the Year"

"In grateful acknowledgement of your grace, leadership, dedication, and commitment to empowering women and representing the values of excellence, compassion, and inspiration.

May your journey as an Ambassador continue to uplift communities, inspire confidence, and embody the true spirit of a modern Filipino woman.

Ms. Maria Angela Aris-Founder/President Grand Ballroom of Seda Hotel Manila, Santa Rosa City
February 21, 2026

9. The 7th Global Trends Business Leaders Awards 2026

Atty. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, Chief Public Attorney, Public Attorney's Office

"Public Defender Leadership Award"

Okada Manila
February 24, 2026

8. Hwarang Filipino Awards 2026 Decades of Excellence

Hwarang Filipino Awards 2026 Honoree Atty. Persida Acosta, PAO Chief

"Public Servant"

The Hwarang Filipino Awards 2026 Decades of Excellence honors outstanding Filipinos who have mastered their expertise and whose enduring leadership, service, and achievements have shaped communities, industries, and the nation across generations. This prestigious recognition celebrates individuals and organizations that exemplify integrity, innovation, and excellence - whose contributions have stood the test of time and continue to inspire future leaders.

Music Museum, Greenhills, San Juan City
February 27, 2026

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Ledonia A. Flores, CPA, MBA, RN - President SMX Convention Center, Lanang, Davao City
February 25, 2026

6. 3rd Philippines Distinct Men and Women of Excellence Awards Night

Atty. Persida Rueda-Acosta

"Distinct Female leader of the Decade"

Solah Padi Hotel, Pasay City
February 7, 2026

5. Philippine Public Service Leadership Awards 2026

Hon. Dr. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, DSD, JD

"Outstanding and Significant Achievement Public Service Leadership"

Richmond Hotel Ortigas
21 San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig
Maria C. Radala, BSC, CPT, CNS - Awards Philippine Public Service Council, Atty. Jgo Events Management
February 28, 2026

4. Philippine Public Service Leadership Awards 2026

Persida Acosta's Legal Advice (PALA)

"Outstanding and Significant Achievement in Legal Advice Channel"

8th Avenue Hotel Ortigas
21 San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig
Maria C. Radala, BSC, CPT, CNS - Awards Philippine Public Service Council, Atty. Jgo Events Management
February 28, 2026

3. The Philippine Association Local Government Accountants, Inc. (PHALGA)

Plaque of Appreciation is awarded to Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, Public Attorney's Office

"In grateful recognition of her inspiring message, valuable and unwavering support to the Seminar on Fiscal and Financial Administration, and for her commitment to public service and governance."

Ledonia A. Flores, CPA, MBA, President Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu
February 16, 2026

2. Rising Filipino Awards 2025

Certificate of Achievement is presented to Atty. Persida Venturina Rueda-Acosta

"Excellence in Professional/At Public Service Award"

Armand Joseph C. Villanueva Given at Public Attorney's Office
January 30, 2026

1. Nukuled Integrated Certification of Appreciation

Atty. Persida V. Rueda-Acosta, Chief, Public Attorney's Office

"In grateful acknowledgement of your unconditional support to Nukuled Integrated School."

Juli Ann Mari G. Porras, School Coordinator, Pangasinana
January 26, 2026

87. Asian Sterling Achiever Award

NCO Events Management and Chief Persida V. Rueda-Acosta

"Most Outstanding Individual and Public Service"

Irish O'Boide, ASA and NCO
February 7, 2026



THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS EVENT, TO THE WOMEN AND MEN OF



Facebook Live - Persida V. Rueda-Acosta
Persida Acosta's Legal Advice
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