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**SUBJECT: 2<sup>nd</sup> Philippine Pro Bono Summit: Promoting Pro Bono Lawyering**

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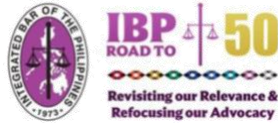
The Legal Education Board invites all law school deans, administrators, law faculty, and law students for the upcoming **2<sup>nd</sup> Philippine Pro Bono Summit: Promoting Pro Bono Lawyering in the Philippines**, delivered in partnership with the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), in collaboration with the Supreme Court of the Philippines, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, with support of USAID, to be held on **December 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM**, via Zoom online conferencing platform.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Philippine Pro Bono Summit aims to 1) promote the increase of pro bono lawyering across the profession; 2) provide a platform for sharing best practices on pro bono initiatives from the Philippines and other jurisdictions, 3) showcase the use of technology in support of more efficient access to pro bono opportunities, and 4) emphasize the need for lawyers who can provide pro bono supervision to law students in the newly created clinical legal education programs.

Interested participants may send their registration by filling up the online form at: <https://tinyurl.com/2ndPhProBonoSummitRegistration>. Please see the attached program of the event, for guidance. For queries and concerns, kindly coordinate with Ms. Ivy-ron G. Quinto at [ivyron.quinto@abaroli.org](mailto:ivyron.quinto@abaroli.org).

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Chairperson



## NATIONAL PRO BONO SUMMIT: PROMOTING PRO BONO LAWYERING IN THE PHILIPPINES

**02 December 2021; 2:00 PM via Zoom**

### Objectives:

- Increase lawyers providing pro bono legal services
- Share best practices on pro bono initiatives from the Philippines and other jurisdictions
- Spotlight the use of technology in support of more efficient access to pro bono opportunities
- Spotlight the need for lawyers who can provide pro bono supervision to law students in the newly created clinical legal education programs

### Target Audience

- Law firms, lawyers, alternative law groups, legal aid providers, IBP NCLA and chapters, government lawyers, academia, law students.

### AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER
<b>1:40 PM</b> <i>(10 mins)</i>	<i>Admission of Participants House Rules Announcement Intro Video on Pro Bono Legal Services</i>	
<b>PART I</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>	
<b>1:50 PM</b> <i>(10 mins)</i>	<i>Invocation Philippine National Anthem Philippine Supreme Court Hymn</i>	
<b>2:00 PM</b> <i>(10 mins)</i>	<b>Welcome Message from ABA</b>	<i>Honorable M. Margaret McKeown, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit (former Chair of ABA ROLI)</i>
<b>2:10 PM</b> <i>(10 mins)</i>	<b>Keynote Speech from the Chief Justice of the Philippines</b>	<i>Hon. Alexander G. Gesmundo Chief Justice Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>
<b>PART II</b>	<b>THE INCREASING NEED FOR LAWYERS TO SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE THROUGH PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES</b>	
<b>POLL (2 mins)</b>		

<p><b>2.25 PM</b> (10 mins)</p> <p><b>2.35 PM</b> (25 mins)</p>	<p><b>IBP's Efforts to Promote Pro Bono Lawyering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Proposed Unified Legal Aid Service Rule</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Reactors</b></p> <p><b>Exec. Judge Cecilyn Burgos-Villavert</b> Br. 89, Regional Trial Court Quezon City</p> <p><b>Dean Eduardo Carlo Vistan II</b> University of the Philippines College of Law</p> <p><b>Atty. Arnold M. Corporal</b> Immediate Past President, IBP Makati Chapter/Partner, ACCRALAW</p> <p><b>Atty. Michelle Geraldine Mendez-Palmares</b> IBP President Chapter Cebu Province</p> <p><b>Atty. Camille Parpan</b> Leflegis Legal Services</p>	<p><b>Atty. Burt Estrada</b> National President, Integrated Bar of the Philippine (IBP)</p> <p><b>Facilitator</b> <b>Atty. Marlon Manuel</b> Namati</p>
<b>POLL/Q&amp;A (10 Mins)</b>		
<b>PART III</b>	<b>THE NEED FOR LAW FIRMS/LAWYERS TO PROVIDE PRO BONO</b>	
<p><b>3.10 pm</b> (40 mins)</p> <p>(10 mins)</p> <p>(10 mins)</p> <p>(10 mins)</p> <p>(10 mins)</p>	<p><b>Supervising Law Students</b></p> <p><i>Clinical Legal Education Program (CLEP) and Pro Bono</i></p> <p><i>The Need for Supervising Lawyers to Provide Pro Bono Support to University-Based Legal Aid Programs</i></p> <p><i>Ateneo Legal Assistance Center</i></p> <p><i>Northeastern Mindanao State University (formerly Surigao del Sur State University College of Law)</i></p>	<p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Comm. Josefe C. Sorrerera-Ty</b> Commissioner, Legal Education Board <b>Atty. Aaron Marc M. Dimaano</b> Executive Officer, Legal Education Board</p> <p><b>Dean Domnina Rances</b> Ateneo de Naga University, Philippine Association of Law Schools (PALS)</p> <p><b>Atty. Axel Rupert Cruz</b> Director, Ateneo Legal Services</p> <p><b>Dean Daniel L. Diaz</b> Dean, College of Law</p>
<p><b>3.50 PM</b> (20 mins)</p> <p>(10 mins)</p> <p>(10 mins)</p>	<p><b>Supporting NCLA and your Local IBP Chapter</b></p> <p><i>Local Chapter Perspective</i></p>	<p><b>Atty. Eric Alajar</b> Director, IBP National Center for Legal Aid</p> <p><b>Atty. Socrates Padua</b> IBP President Chapter Pampanga</p>
<p><b>4:10</b> (5 mins)</p>	<b>Coffee /Screen Break</b>	

<b>PART IV</b>	<b>HOW LAW FIRMS CAN RESPOND TO THE DEMAND FOR LEGAL SERVICES FROM THE MOST VULNERABLE FILIPINOS – A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO PRO BONO</b>	
<b>4.15 PM</b> (8 mins)	<b>What's Happening Regionally</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly Roundtables</li> <li>2023 Asia Pro Bono Summit in the Philippines</li> </ul>	<b>Atty. Bruce Lasky</b> BABSEACLE
<b>4.25 PM</b> (30 mins)  (10 mins)  (10 mins)  (10 mins)	<b>A Strategic Approach to Pro Bono</b>  <b>DLA Piper's New Perimeter</b>  <b>SyCip Salazar Hernandez &amp; Gatmaitan (SyCip Law)</b> How SyCip Law Supports Pro Bono  <b>Weigand and Partners</b>	<b>Atty. Aaron Chan</b> DLA Piper Hong Kong  <b>Atty. Hector De Leon Jr.</b> Managing Partner  <b>Atty. Pierre Martin Reyes</b> Managing Partner
<b>PART V</b>	<b>THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT LAWYERS WITH PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
<b>5.00 PM</b> (40 mins)  (10 mins)  (10 mins)  (10 mins)  (10 mins)	<b>Online Portals – Best Practices</b>  <i>Justice Connect</i>  <i>Pro Bono Portals</i> ABA Disaster Relief Pro Bono Portal  <i>Thomas Reuters Foundation TrustLaw</i>  <i>Sarimanok Platform</i>	<b>Presenters</b>  <b>Atty. Kate Fazio</b> Head of Innovation and Engagement  <b>Atty. Amanda L. Brown</b> Executive Director, Lagniappe Law Lab/ABA Young Lawyers Association  <b>Atty. Joanita Britto Menon</b> Legal Program Manager, Asia <b>Atty. Fiona Li</b> Senior Program Officer, Asia  <b>Dean Annabelle Cañarez-Mindalano</b> Mindanao State University College of Law
<b>PART VI</b>	<b>Question and Answer Forum</b>	
<b>5.40 PM</b> (15 mins)	<b>Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atty. Burt Estrada</li> <li>Commissioner Josefe Sorretera-Ty</li> <li>Dean Dominina Rances</li> <li>Atty. Ray Paolo Santiago</li> <li>Atty. Aaron Chan</li> <li>Atty. Hector De Leon Jr</li> </ul>	
<b>SURVEY</b>		
<b>5.55 PM</b> (5 mins)	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Atty. Susan J. Cowley</b> Country Director & Chief of Party ABA ROLI

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