



NAME:

Gwen Grecia-De Vera

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Ms. de Vera is an Associate Professor at the University of the Philippines College of Law, handling courses in Constitutional Law and Commercial Law. She is also the Director of the Competition Law and Policy Program of the University of the Philippines Law Center. The Program is intended to support the legal and institutional framework for competition policy in the country and serve as (i) a platform for developing research and advocacy in competition law and policy in the Philippines and the region, (ii) a forum for academics, practitioners, and enforcement officers in the field of competition.

Prior to the passage of the Philippine Competition Act, Ms. de Vera worked on antitrust and competition issues in various sectors, including pharmaceuticals and power. She also led legal advisory teams in infrastructure or PPPs and advised on transactional IP issues, including technology transfer arrangements. She has experience in transactional and litigation work in both the private and public sectors, having been part of Puyat Jacinto & Santos (PJS Law). As PDRCI accredited arbitrator, Ms. de Vera has been part of arbitration tribunals in transactional disputes involving various sectors, including information technology. She has delivered training and lectures on alternative dispute resolution, specifically in relation to international commercial arbitration and negotiation. She previously represented parties in International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration.

Ms. de Vera also served as the Philippine Competition Commission's first Executive Director. She was Dean of the Manuel L Quezon School of Law.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS:

LLM, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, U.S.A.
 LLB, University of the Philippines College of Law
 AB, University of the Philippines, Diliman

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Accredited Arbitrator, PDRCI
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 Senior Lecturer, UP College of Law
 Executive Director, Philippine Competition Commission
 Partner, Puyat Jacinto & Santos

INDUSTRY OR LEGAL EXPERTISE

Corporate and Transactional – Mergers and Acquisitions, Competition and Antitrust, Infrastructure and Project Finance, Foreign Investment
 Regulatory and corporate – Pharmaceutical and Health Care, Data Privacy, Telecommunications and VAS, Mass Media
 Public law – Constitutional law, Procurement, Audit

CASES HANDLED (as counsel and as neutral)

Arbitrator in ad hoc arbitration involving government procurement
 PDRCI arbitration, member of tribunal involving mining and infrastructure, ICT
 Counsel in ICC arbitration involving investment disputes

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Grecia-de Vera, Gwen, "Can We Engineer Comprehensiveness," in Venturing Beyond the Classroom, DRI Press 2010, at 77-91
Forthcoming: