

## RESUME

**ELOY E. BELLO IV** has been in the private practice of law in the Philippines for thirty seven (37) years, from 1985 to the present. He is a Senior Partner of the law firm **Bello Valdez & Fernandez [formerly Bengzon Narciso Cudala Jimenez Gonzales & Liwanag** or “**The Bengzon Firm**”; a medium sized full service firm founded in 1951 by the late Justice Jose Bengzon, and his son, Jose F.S. Bengzon Jr., with about thirty (30) lawyers. He is the current Chairman of the Firm since 2016 and is currently the Operations Partner since 2019. He has also occupied various positions in the firm’s Management Committee.

Since joining the aforesaid firm in April 1986 as an Associate, and rising through the ranks as a partner in January 1, 1996 and ultimately as a named partner in January 29, 2002, he has continuously been a member of the Litigation Group with extensive and successful practice in the various fields of law; he has handled criminal cases as a defense counsel and private prosecutor in criminal proceedings; he has also acted as counsel in civil, commercial and special proceedings involving inter alia land disputes, estate, expropriation, insolvency, bank closure, family disputes, intra corporate issues, inter partes cases on intellectual property, contractual disputes, and election contests in all levels of the judiciary; as well as in administrative proceedings before the Intellectual Property Office (IPOPHL), Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal on protest cases, and other cases before various Local Government Units (LGUs).

He has participated as a member (Chairman) of the arbitral tribunal or as an advocate in arbitration proceedings before the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. and before the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission.

He is a Director of Wartsila Philippines Inc., Wartsila Subic Inc., Wartsila Land and Sea Academy, Inc., and Leighton Contractors (Philippines) Inc. He is the Partner of the firm in-charge inter alia of Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC), Asian Terminal Inc. (ATI), Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU), Telford Industries Pte Ltd., Cathay Drug Company, Inc. and Axelum Resources Corporation accounts.

He finished his pre-law (A.B. Political Science) in 1979, and his degree in Bachelor of Laws in 1984, both at the Ateneo de Manila University. He was a consistent scholar and Dean’s Lister at the College of Law where he graduated with the distinction, Second Honors - Silver Medalist.

During his senior year at the College of Law, he was elected President of the Law Student Council. He was likewise a staff member of the Ateneo Law Journal, and a member of the Ateneo Legal Aid. He joined the Fraternal Order of Utopia and is currently an active member. He then took the bar in November 1984, and passed the same with a rating of 87.75.

Presently, he is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), an accredited arbitrator of the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc. (PDRCI), and a member of the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators, Inc. (PIArb). He is also a member of the Philippine Bar Association (PBA), International Bar Association (IBA), the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA), the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA), and the Association International Pour La Protection Dela Propriete Industrielle (AIPPI). He is the representative of his law firm in the International Trademark Association (INTA) and The Law Foundation of Makati, Inc. In the latter, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2002 and was the President in 2004. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Cabalen and the Makati Business Club.

A member of Partido Federal ng Pilipinas, he was part of the Party's Team in the Province of Tarlac, and was tasked to form the group of Municipal Coordinators for BBM-Sara as well as the signatory to the appointment of watchers in Fourteen (14) Municipalities for said province.

He was born on 13 September 1958, in Dagupan City, of the spouses Retired Court of Appeals Justice Eloy R. Bello Jr. of Santa, Ilocos Sur, and Natividad Espiritu of Vigan, Ilocos Sur.



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