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**Mario E Valderrama** is a lawyer, an independent domestic and international arbitrator with experience in many aspects of arbitration, a mediator and an educator.

He regularly sits as arbitrator, whether as sole arbitrator, chair of the tribunal or member of the tribunal, in institutional and *ad hoc* arbitrations, in international arbitrations with seats outside the Philippines on disputes wherein the law of the contract as well as the law of the arbitrations are laws other than Philippine law and *lex mercatoria*, as well as in domestic arbitrations. He was Chairman of the tribunal in the well publicized dispute between Camp John Hay Development Corporation and the Bases Conversion Development Authority wherein both parties publicly claimed that they won, that is, a win win situation.

His other experience in arbitration ranges from serving as a legal expert witness in an international arbitration; as party representative in arbitrations, domestic and international and counsel in charge of the file in PDRCI arbitrations.

In Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR/mediation) he served as mediator in several mediation proceedings involving cases appealed to the Court of Appeals as well as intellectual property disputes in the Intellectual Property Office (IPO).

He started teaching law in 1983 immediately after passing the 1982 Philippine Bar Examination wherein he place 12<sup>th</sup>. From there he went on to be resource speaker in already innumerable educational events, both local and international.

He graduated valedictorian and *magna cum laude* in 1982 with an LIB degree from the Far Eastern University Institute of Law.

He is, currently, General Counsel, of the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission.

### **CURRENT AFFILIATIONS**

- The only Filipino in the Approved Faculty List of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb).
- President Emeritus, Philippine Institute of Arbitrators.
- Chairman, Philippine Chapter of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators East Asia Branch.
- Member of the Board of Trustees, Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc.
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and Philippine Institute of Arbitrators.

- Accredited Arbitrator in the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission, Wholesale Electricity Spot Market and Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc.
- Lecturer on ADR and Arbitration in the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) for lawyers, from its inception and up to the present.
- Published, as author and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue of Volume 61 of the Ateneo Law Journal, an article entitled “Comprehending Arbitrations”.