

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Experienced litigator and dispute resolution practitioner, with comprehensive experience in litigation, mediation, and arbitration.
- Demonstrates a strong capacity for independence and impartiality, case management, and evidence evaluation through appointments as a commercial arbitrator in the Philippines and London, England. He is also empaneled as an arbitrator in domestic and international arbitral institutions. He has achieved Fellow status in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in the United Kingdom, the Philippine Institute of Arbitrators, and the Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Further complements practical experience with rigorous legal scholarship, holding a Juris Doctor from the University of the Philippines College of Law, a Master in International Law, Foreign Trade and International Relations from the Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía in Madrid, Spain, an executive diploma from the International Bar Association, IE University Law School, King's College London, and FGV Sao Paulo Law School for the International Legal Practice Program, and an Executive LL.M. from the Católica Global School of Law of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, the premier private university in Lisbon, Portugal.

AWARDS AND RANKINGS

- **Next Generation Partner for Dispute Resolution** - *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Edition* (2024, 2025, 2026)
- **Recommended Lawyer for Dispute Resolution** - *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific Edition* (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026)
- Shortlisted as Finalist for **Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year** - *Asian Legal Business Philippine Law Awards* (2022, 2023)
- Shortlisted as Finalist for **Young Lawyer of the Year** - *Asian Legal Business Philippine Law Awards* (2021)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Appointed as **arbitrator** in arbitration cases seated in the Philippines and in London, England.
- Appointed as **mediator** in intellectual property disputes before the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL).
- Successfully represented stakeholders (owners and contractors) in **construction arbitration cases** before the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission (CIAC).
- Represented the Board of Directors of a pharmaceutical company in a **trademark infringement** case.
- Advised a fintech startup on **data privacy** laws and regulations in the Philippines.

- Successfully defended the Philippine directors of a food and beverage company in an **intra-corporate dispute**.
- Acted as private prosecutor to successfully obtain a conviction in **white-collar criminal cases** involving officers of large manufacturing and construction firms.
- Successfully negotiated **settlement agreements** in disputes involving a JV entity in the petrochemical industry and a telecommunication infrastructure service provider.
- Advised on the acquisition of a fast-food chain of restaurants and significant shareholdings in a Philippine stock market trading platform.
- Represented MNCs in the technology sector and bank/non-bank financial institutions in various **disputes** and **asset recovery cases**.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SKY LAW

- **Partner**, 2022 – present
- **Senior Associate**, 2019 - 2022

Insights Philippines Legal Advisors, member Firm of ZICO Law

- **Associate**, 2018 – 2019

Bank of the Philippine Islands

- **Legal Officer (Manager Rank)**, 2017 – 2018

Angara Abello Concepcion Regala & Cruz (ACCRALAW)

- **Associate, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department**, 2015 – 2017

Fortun Narvasa Salazar

- **Junior Associate**, 2015

EDUCATION

Católica Global School of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal

- **Executive Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Regulation and Compliance**, 2026
 - Graduated with **Magna Cum Laude**
 - Coursework: AI and Platform Regulation, Global Financial Regulation, Trade Regulation, Energy Law and Regulation, Securities Regulation, Competition Law, Cybersecurity Law and Management, Data Protection, ESG, Corporate Tax Compliance, Pay Equity and Transparency, Theory of Compliance, and Architecture of Regulation
 - Selected for the inaugural cohort of senior legal leaders, including law firm partners, senior in-house counsel, and chief compliance officers from diverse European and Asian jurisdictions

International Bar Association in collaboration with King's College London, IE University Law School, and FGV São Paulo Law School

- **International Legal Practice Program**, 2026
 - Coursework: Executive Education in International Business Law, International Legal Practice, and International Dispute Resolution

Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía (ISDE Law and Business School), Madrid, Spain

- **Master in International Law, Foreign Trade and International Relations**, 2023

- Graduated with **‘Notable’** under the Spanish university grading system and ranked among the **top three** in the graduating class.
- Awarded a Leading Law Firms Scholarship.
- Coursework: International Criminal Law, International Family Law, International Employment Law, International Arbitration and other ADR, Corporate Law and Comparative Corporation, Corporate Real Estate, State Aid, Project Finance, Intellectual Property Law, Foreign Trade, Joint Ventures, Listed Companies, Complex M&A

University of the Philippines Diliman College of Law

- **Juris Doctor, 2014**

University of Asia and the Pacific

- **Master of Arts in Humanities (History), 2009**
 - University President’s List (**Ranked #1 by GWA**); Graduated with **Cum Laude**.
- **Bachelor of Arts Major in Humanities, 2006**
 - Dean’s List (**Ranked #1 by GWA**); Graduated with **Cum Laude**.

AFFILIATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

Arbitrator/Mediator (Neutral) Accreditations

- **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center** - Neutral for Arbitration and Mediation
- **Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (PICCR)** - Accredited Arbitrator, Deputy Secretary General for Operations
- **Philippine Dispute Resolution Center (PDRC)** - Accredited Arbitrator
- **Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (OADR)** - Accredited Arbitrator (2nd Level)
- **eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Center, The Private Arbitration Court (UK), Chinese Arbitration Association - Taipei (CAA, Taipei), Maldives International Arbitration Centre (MIAC), Thailand Arbitration Center (THAC), Hainan International Arbitration Court (HIAC), AALCO Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre (HKRAC), Kovise Foundation Conflict Resolution International (KFRCI), Shanghai International Arbitration Centre (SHIAC)** - Arbitrator
- **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL)** - Accredited Mediator

Professional Memberships

- **Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AIADR)**
 - Fellow
 - Member of the Professional Development and Education Committee
- **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)**
 - Fellow
 - A member of both the East Asia and London Branches
- **Society of Construction Law Philippines (SCLP)**
 - Council Member (2024-present)
 - Chairman (Media and Publications Committee)
- **Philippine Institute of Arbitrators (PIArb)**
 - Fellow

- Vice President for Development
- **Philippine Arbitration Center in the Visayas (PACV)**
 - Fellow
- **Spanish and Iberoamerican Arbitration Club (CEIA)**
 - Socio
- **Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)**
 - Trained Tribunal Secretary
- **Asian Academy of International Law**
 - Member
- **Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)**
 - Lifetime Member
- **International Bar Association (IBA)**
 - Member

SELECT TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

- **Managing Risks and Liabilities in Philippine Construction Projects**, Society of Construction Law Philippines (October 2025)
- **Training Program on Specialized Academic Track and Post-Graduate Certificate Program on Competition Law**, Philippine Competition Commission (June 2025)
- **Module 3: Evidence and Award Writing in International Arbitration**, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (March 2025 – June 2025)
- **Module 2: Law of Obligations**, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (December 2024)
- **Commercial Arbitration Training Seminar (CATS): The Law and Practice of Commercial Arbitration**, Philippine Dispute Resolution Center (November 2024).
- **Global Trends in Construction Law and Contracts**, Society of Construction Law Philippines (October 2024).
- **6th Asian Mediation Association Conference: Harmony and Strategic Innovations in Mediation and ADR**, Asian Mediation Association (October 2024).
- **Communicating with Presence Specialization**, IESE Business School, University of Navarra (August 2024).
- **Construction Management Specialization**, Columbia University via Coursera (August 2024)
- **Construction Cost Estimating and Cost Control**, Columbia University via Coursera (August 2024)
- **Construction Finance**, Columbia University via Coursera (August 2024)
- **CIAC 101 (Engineering and Legal Concepts)**, Philippine Institute of Construction Arbitrators and Mediators (August 2024).
- **Dispute Resolution Administration Training**, WESM University (July 2024).
- **Fundamentals of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution**, Society of Construction Law Philippines (July 2024).
- **ISDE Sports Convention 2024**, ISDE and Spanish La Liga (June 2024).
- **Specialization in Negotiation, Mediation, and Conflict Resolution**, ESSEC Business School (May 2024).
- **Construction Project Management**, Columbia University via Coursera (March 2024)

- **The Construction Industry (The Way Forward)**, Columbia University via Coursera (March 2024)
- **WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Workshop**, World Intellectual Property Organization (November 2023).
- **Accelerated Route to Membership in International Arbitration**, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (August 2023)
- **2023 IP Mediation Accreditation Course**, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (August 2023).
- **iLEAP Plus on IP Adjudication and Mediation**, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (July 2023).
- **UNCITRAL International Commercial Arbitration online-course**, UNCITRAL (June 2023).
- **Basel Winter Arbitration School**, Arbitration Lab through University of Basel (February 2023).
- **Arbitration of Commercial Disputes involving Japanese and Philippine Parties: Special Joint Webinar**, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association and Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (November 2022).
- **AIAC Mediation Training Workshop Series: Practical Tips in Understanding the Various Stages of the Mediation Process up to Settlement**, Asian International Arbitration Centre (October 2022).
- **Arbitration Workshop Series (Module 3: Award Writing)**, Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (May 2022).
- **Arbitration-in-Practice Workshop Series: Impartiality, Independence, Availability, Duties and Obligations of an Arbitrator**, Asian International Arbitration Centre (April 2022).
- **Beyond IP Mastercourse (Legal track)**, IPOPHL (March 2022).
- **Arbitration Workshop Series (Module 2: PICCR Arbitration Rules)**, Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (November 2021).
- **Winter Courses on International Law**, The Hague Academy of International Law (January 2021).
- **Arbitration Workshop Series (Module 1: Fundamentals of Commercial Arbitration)**, PICCR (June - July 2020).
- **HKIAC Tribunal Secretary Training Programme**, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (December 2018).
- **Regional Senior Associates Training Session**, ZICO Law in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (August 2018).
- **1st Annual Center for the Amicable Resolution of Disputes International Conference** (February 2018).

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, **Appropriate Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for Commercial Legal Disputes**, Manila Times. December 2025.
- Author, **Republic Act No. 12252 and its 99-Year Lease Term for Foreign Investors**, One Asia Lawyers Newsletter. September 2025.
- Co-author, **2025 Intellectual Property Guidelines: The Asian Landscape of Intellectual Property Enforcement: A Comparative Guide**. ADCO Law – Indonesia. 2025.

- Co-author, **Ease of Paying Taxes Act: Modernizing Philippine Tax Administration**. Alliot Global Alliance Newsletter. April 2024.
- Co-author, **Ensuring Clear Paths to Redress: Examining the Shifts in Judicial Review of CIAC Arbitral Awards**, AIADR ADR Centurion, February 2024 Volume 5 Issue 28.
- Co-author, **Redefining the Philippine E-Commerce Landscape: the Internet Transactions Act of 2023**, One Asia Lawyers Newsletter and the Manila Shimbun. 2024.
- Author, **Public Policy and Post-Award Challenge in Philippine Jurisprudence**, International ADR Forum, 2023 Volume 3 Issue 14.
- Co-author, **Insurance Comparative Guidelines**. ADCO Law - Indonesia. 2023.
- Co-author, **Recent Revisions in Foreign Investment Laws in the Philippines**. Alliot Global Alliance Newsletter. 2023.
- Author, **Crafting the Presidency: the presidential system of government and the vast powers of the president in the 1935 Constitution**. University of Asia and the Pacific (MA Thesis). 2009.

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker on **Navigating Premises Liability** for Ayala Malls (January 2026).
- Speaker on **International Commercial Arbitration** for the Saitama Bar Association's International Arbitration Conference held in Saitama Prefecture, Japan (November 2025).
- Panelist on **ad hoc vs. institutional arbitration** for the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution's **National ADR Week**, Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution and Integrated Bar of the Philippines (October 2025).
- Panelist on the **evolving role of the tribunal secretary**, 2nd Asia ADR Summit, held in Nanning, China (August 2025).
- Delivered a lecture on **arbitration proceedings and submissions** for the PICCR Accreditation Course: Module 1, Philippine International Center for Conflict Resolution (April 2025).
- Delivered a lecture on the **enforcement and challenge of arbitral awards** for the Basic Arbitration Course, Philippine Institute of Arbitrators Western Visayas Chapter (March 2025).
- Conducted a Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) lecture to over 170 lawyers on **arbitration developments in the Philippines**, IBP – Negros Occidental Chapter (October 2024).
- Panelist on **dispute mechanisms in construction law** (mediation, arbitration, dispute boards), Infrastructure Investments: Dispute Mechanisms in Construction Law, Iloilo Business Club (October 2024).
- Resource speaker on **enforcement and challenge of arbitral awards seated in the Philippines**, Department of Education of the Philippines (September 2024).
- Guest speaker on the **Internet Transactions Act of 2023** and its impact on e-commerce, 2024 Legal Council of JG Summit Holdings Inc. (April 2024).
- Guest speaker on the **role of counsel in arbitration proceedings**, People in Arbitration, PI Arb and YPI Arb (June 2023).
- Guest speaker on the **enforcement of domestic arbitral awards** under the Special ADR Rules, University of San Agustin College of Law and PACV (May 2023).

- Moderated discussion on **ADR Sustainability**, 3rd National ADR Convention, Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution (December 2022).
- Moderated discussion on **arbitration in the Philippines**, Arbitration Symposium for Jesuit Law Schools, YPIArb (September 2022).
- Guest speaker on **reportorial requirements in the event of a data breach**, The First Multi-Functional Data Privacy Summit (August 2018).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Holy Name University

- **Faculty (Part-Time)**, December 2025 – present
 - *Course taught: ADR*

Philippine Law School

- **Faculty (Part-Time)**, January 2021 – present
 - *Courses taught: ADR, Statutory Construction, Law on Business Organizations*

University of Asia and the Pacific

- **Faculty (Part-Time)**, January 2019 – 2023

Lyceum of the Philippines University (Manila and Cavite)

- **Faculty (Part-Time)**, 2008-2009

GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS

- **Pre-Judicature Program** (Philippine Judicial Academy) - Passed the evaluative examination, qualifying for the Judicial and Bar Council's pool of potential judges.
- **Philippine Bar Examinations** - Admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2015.

LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS

- English (Native)
- Filipino (Native)
- Cebuano (Native)
- Bol-Anon (Native)

24 June 2026