

Atty. Amado Maralit

Amado “Dodi” Maralit is a Professor of Environmental Law in four (4) law schools in the Republic of the Philippines. He teaches the subject at: the University of Asia & the Pacific School of Law & Governance; the Polytechnic University of the Philippines College of Law; the Bulacan State University College of Law; and at the Philippine Law School.

Atty. Dodi Maralit graduated Magna Cum Laude with the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) conferred by the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, España, the Catholic University of the Philippines, in 2016. He earned his Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from the University of the City of Manila in 2011.

Atty. Dodi also holds a masterate in Public Administration (M.P.A.) from the University of the Philippines, Diliman. And he finished his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) at the Philippine Law School in 2006.

He presently serves as a Director, the Chief Parliamentarian of the Senate of the Philippines. He is a regular lecturer in the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education program of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

Professional Profile

Ms. Golly Estenzo Ramos is the Country Leader of Oceana in the Philippines.¹ Oceana Philippines (<http://ph.oceana.org/>) seeks to restore the health, richness, and abundance of the fisheries and work for its sustainable management.

Before joining Oceana in 2014, Atty. Ramos was a lawyer-advocate for the environment, women and children's rights and good governance.

In behalf of the whales and dolphins affected by the offshore drilling for oil in Tañon Strait, she sued with a co-lady guardian to stop the destructive activity and won, together with the fisherfolk, in a landmark decision rendered by the Supreme Court in April, 2015.²

In 2010, she co-founded the Phil. Earth Justice Center, Inc. (“PEJC”) with four Cebu-based environmental lawyers. PEJC institutes legal actions to protect rights to life, health and healthy environment. Appointed Deputy Chair for the Visayas of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, National Environmental Action Team (NEAT) in 2003, she was also a co-convenor of Green Forum (2005), Save Tañon Strait Citizen's Movement (STSCM- 2007), Global Legal Action on Climate Change (GLACC), an alliance of stakeholders promoting empowerment of the people and a culture of compliance with the laws, and Visayan Climate Action Network, which aims to empower communities in responding to climate change, launched in 2009.

Ms. Ramos was a faculty member of the University of Cebu (UC) College of Law, for 12 years. She served as the 1st Director of its Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Program for Lawyers and represented Southeast Asia as director of the Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.

As an educator, she inculcates the spirit of volunteerism among law students and integrates community partnership in the course requirements. Under the trail-blazing Popularizing the Law Program of UC College of Law, her students monitored the level of compliance of the Solid Waste Management Law, among barangays in the cities of Cebu and Mandaue and set up websites, among others, on anti-red tape, solid waste management to inform and guide stakeholders and decision-makers. In partnership with public schools and mountain barangays, the law students also shared their knowledge of the Law with the community.

Ms. Ramos is a resource speaker on environment, human rights and governance and a Cebu Daily News columnist since 2007. She was awarded the Best Columnist in the 2015 Globe Media Excellence Award.

She is an alumna of the University of the Philippines – Diliman, Quezon City, where she obtained her degrees in Master of Public Administration (2003), Bachelor of Laws (1979) and Bachelor of Arts, major in Political Science (1974). She is proudest in her role as a mother to four wonderful children. She is married to Dante, likewise a member of the Bar, also a co-founder of PEJC.

¹ Oceana is the largest international advocacy organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the world's oceans on a global scale (<http://oceana.org/>)

² GR No. 180771, April 21, 2015; <http://www.rappler.com/science-nature/environment/90661-court-stops-japex-doe-oil-exploration-tanon-strait>



Atty. Maria Concepcion R. Hernandez-Beloso is a neophyte Environmental Law professor, having been assigned to teach the subject only a couple of years ago in University of Batangas (Lipa), where she also finished her Juris Doctor degree in 2013. However, her passion for environmental protection and preservation started in college in De La Salle Lipa, where, apart from taking up BS Computer Science and serving as a student leader, she was tapped to co-anchor a local radio program entitled "Panaghoy ng Kalikasan," a UNDP-funded inter-agency EIC project of the local government. In the same period, she was named as one of the country's 15 Young Environmental Envoys by Bayer and Luntian Pilipinas. She recently concluded her three-year term as City Councilor of Lipa City. As a legislator, she authored and sponsored ordinances and resolutions related to the environment such as "Ordinance Creating the Lipa City Head Waters Council" and "Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Styrofoam and Regulating Use of Plastic Bags." At present, she is a volunteer lawyer for the Archdiocesan Ministry on Environment, a church-based organization actively opposing coal-powered power plants and irresponsible mining in the province of Batangas.

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Atty. Rose-Liza Eisma-Osorio is one of the founders and managing trustee of the Philippine Earth Justice Center, Inc. (PEJC), which has filed several environmental cases in Visayas and Mindanao. She is particularly known as one of the two lawyers who are recognized as the stewards of the dolphins and whales of Tañon Strait Protected Seascape in Central Visayas in the April 2015 decision of the Supreme Court for the landmark case, Resident Marine Mammals and Dolphins vs. Reyes, against illegal oil exploration in a protected area.

A legal specialist with 18 years of experience in the field of institutional and planning dimensions of natural resources management, particularly marine and coastal resources management. Her expertise is focused on the fields of governance, institutional development, monitoring and evaluation, environmental policy and advocacy, and technical legal support for natural resource conservation.

She has co-authored and co-edited numerous books and articles. After graduating from the University of the Philippines-Diliman with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry degree, Atty. Eisma-Osorio earned her Bachelor of Laws at the Silliman University, Philippines and a Certificate of Attendance in Coastal Management with Masteral Units at the University of Rhode Island, Coastal Resource Center, U.S.A.

She has been teaching environmental law, legal research and writing, and private international law, among others for the past 18 years. Currently, she is a professor of law of University of Cebu in the Philippines. At the same time, she is the Faculty Adviser and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Research in Law and Policy and the coach of the environmental law moot team of the same university. She is also one of the faculty members who acts as official representative to the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCNAEL). She is also a member of IUCN's World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL).