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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Philippine-qualified lawyer with experience in university legal advisory work, private practice, legal research and higher education. His work spans contracts, procurement, regulatory compliance, institutional policy and board governance, with additional experience supporting U.S.-based legal teams and Australian migration application documentation. A Juris Doctor and cum laude graduate of the University of the Philippines, he brings a public-service orientation to legal education, research and professional collaboration.

## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

### Juris Doctor

Saint Paul School of Professional Studies Faculty of Law, Philippines | 2022  
- Study period 2017-2022.

### Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (Political Science)

University of the Philippines Tacloban, Philippines | 2013  
- Graduated cum laude; study period 2009-2013.

**Philippine Bar:** Admitted on 2 May 2023.

## LEGAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

### Dean, School of Law and Governance

Biliran Province State University, Philippines | Inaugural JD programme, 2026  
- Addressed the pioneering JD cohort at the programme launch and orientation on 25 July 2026.  
- Introduced the CASE framework to the pioneering cohort: preparing for law-school demands, building community and accountability, organising learning, and applying knowledge in legal writing and practice.

**Law teaching:** Experience teaching Constitutional Law, Election Law and Statutory Construction at Saint Paul School of Professional Studies Faculty of Law.

## CORE CAPABILITIES

Legal research and statutory interpretation; contract drafting and review; institutional governance; policy development; regulatory compliance; case documentation; stakeholder coordination; legal education and academic engagement.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Attorney IV / In-House Counsel

Biliran Province State University, Philippines | Appointed September 2023

- Advised the administration and Board of Regents on governance, procurement, employment, regulatory and financial matters.
- Drafted contracts, memoranda, resolutions and policies; supported compliance and risk assessment and liaised with the Office of the Solicitor General.

### Private legal practice

Delfin Lledo Padrigano Law & Notarial Office, Philippines | Role commenced February 2024

- Worked on civil, criminal, administrative and special-proceedings matters in Philippine practice.
- Prepared pleadings, legal opinions, affidavits, contracts and settlement documents; coordinated case strategy, deadlines and client communication.

### Junior Associate

Estenzo Liao Menguito & Associates, Philippines | March-September 2023

- Conducted legal research; drafted pleadings, motions, contracts and correspondence; assisted in hearings, mediation, trial preparation and evidentiary documentation.

### Migration Support Specialist

Education and Migration Services Australia, Philippines | January-June 2023

- Prepared Australian visa application documents, monitored documentation requirements and coordinated submissions with registered migration agents.

### Virtual Assistant / U.S.-based Legal Support

Legalist, Inc. | Remote | December 2021-June 2022

- Supported investment counsel through case summaries and assessments, contracts, document collection and coordination with law firms and underwriters.

### Legal Abstractor

Riverkeeper, LLC | Remote | June 2016-December 2021

- Wrote abstracts of U.S. legal and commercial developments and PACER-related filings; researched corporate entities and professional profiles.

### University Instructor

Biliran Province State University, Philippines | 2016-2021

- Taught social science subjects, developed instructional materials, presented research and contributed to academic extension activities.

### College Instructor

University of Cebu, Philippines | 2014-2016

- Delivered instruction and contributed to research, learning materials and extension.

## SELECTED GOVERNANCE AND ACADEMIC PROJECTS

### International academic engagement

Director, International Affairs Office | BiPSU | September 2023-September 2025

- Supported international networks, institutional partnerships, academic and cultural exchange, research connections and faculty, staff and student mobility.

### University and regional governance

BiPSU and Eastern Visayas higher education | 2019-2024

- University and Board Secretary, BiPSU (2019-2021): board agendas, notices, minutes and policy coordination.
- BAC Secretariat Head, BiPSU (2020-2021): procurement records, meetings and compliance documentation.
- Secretariat Head, Eastern Visayas HEIs Flexible Learning Consortium (April-August 2020): proposals and university/CHED coordination.
- Corporate Secretary appointment, PASUC VIII, Inc. (Eastern Visayas regional association), September 2024.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SELECTED ACADEMIC WORK

**Publication:** Delfin, D. G. G. (2022). Facebook privacy: A review of cases. Paulinian Law Journal, 2(1), 3-5. Reviews Philippine Supreme Court decisions concerning social-media privacy.

**Research interest:** Governance of generative AI in Philippine legal education, with attention to regulation, academic freedom, equity, institutional capacity and comparative lessons from Australia.

**Undergraduate research:** The Relationship between Postmodern Values and Democracy received the Best Research Poster award at the 2013 Regional Undergraduate Research Symposium at UP Visayas Tacloban College.

Research presentations and training include action research, qualitative methods and research instrumentation (2016-2018).

## SELECTED RECOGNITION AND ENGAGEMENT

- Outstanding Teacher's Award, BiPSU College of Arts and Sciences, December 2018.
- Rank 3, Top 10 Outstanding Political Science Students of the Philippines, Political Science Students Association of the Philippines.
- Champion and Overall Best Debater, Virtual Legal Law Debates Season 3, Integrated Bar of the Philippines regional chapters, September 2021.
- Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations conference participant, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 2025.

## PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Research collaboration, guest lectures, speaking, legal research and policy projects, and Philippine-law consultations subject to agreed engagement terms.