

In 2007, Justice Azcuna was conferred the Metrobank Foundation Professorial Chair in International and Human Rights Law for which he delivered a presentation entitled, "International Humanitarian Law: A Field Guide to the Basics." Justice Azcuna retired from the Supreme Court on February 16, 2009 and was appointed, on June 1, 2009, as Chancellor of the Philippine Judicial Academy a post which he is holding at the moment. His major publications include "Transnational Law Practice," "International Law Teaching in the Philippines," "Foreign Judgment [Monetary] Enforcements in the Philippines," "Piercing the Veil of Corporate Entity: From Willets to Santos," "ASEAN Conflict of Law," "The Supreme Court and Public International Law," and his two Supreme Court books: "Seeing Reality in Today's World" and "Seeking Justice in Today's World."



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Ms. Sri Nurherwati is one of the commissioners of Indonesian National Commission on Violence Against Women (Komnas Perempuan), one of specific National Human Rights Institutions, for 2010-2014 period. At Komnas Perempuan, she is also chairing Recovery Sub-Commission. Her commitment in advocating women rights has been shown through her involvement in civil society organizations, namely as Internal Coordinator at the Legal Aid Foundation in Semarang (1995), as Director of Legal Resource Centre-Keadilan Jender dan Hak Asasi Manusia (Gender Justice and Human Rights) in Central Java (1999), and as Coordinator of the Legal Service Division of Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Asosiasi Perempuan Indonesia untuk Keadilan (Indonesian Women's Association for Justice and Legal Aid Institute) in Jakarta (2006). She was also active on the issue of corruption – founded KP2KKN (the Committee for the Elimination and Investigation of Corruption, Collusion and Nepotism) in 1998.



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Ms. Evalyn Ursua is a human rights advocate, litigator, researcher and academic. She has worked on women and children's rights issues in the Philippines for more than 20 years. She and two lawyer friends pioneered women's rights legal advocacy in the Philippines when they founded a women's legal resource advocacy group in 1990. Since then, she has engaged in test case litigation involving women's human rights as well as in education and training programs in communities and for women activists in various parts of the Philippines. In 2008, she filed, as counsel for Karen T. Vertido, a complaint against the Philippines for discrimination under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and its Optional Protocol. It was the first complaint to come from the Asia-Pacific Region, and the first of its kind to be filed under the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW. The CEDAW Committee issued its landmark Views on the complaint on July 10, 2010, where it found the Philippines liable for discrimination. In 2011, she filed another communication with the CEDAW Committee, on behalf of a young deaf woman who was a victim of discrimination in the judicial process because of her disability.