

In March 2004, Dory tendered her irrevocable resignation as a judge when she saw that due to fraternity ties, injustice was being committed against a court stenographer in another branch of the Court in Davao City. She found the need to resign for her to advocate for the implementation of the Anti Sexual Harassment Law in the Judiciary. She then, along with her family, established the self funded ACCCTS Center and the Transformative Justice Institute which have been advocating for the transformation of the Philippine Justice System. As Chairperson of the Transformative Justice Institute, she works closely with the various pillars of the Criminal Justice System in the Philippines including the courts. To enable her to conduct in depth research on the Philippine Justice System she took up and finished her Masters in Applied Social Research Major in Gender Studies, and Doctorate in Development Studies.



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