

# Profiles of Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer

## 2023 - 2024

### Corporate Secretary

**Eufrocinio C. dela Merced Jr.**

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Mr. de la Merced is a lawyer who graduated from San Beda College of Law with a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LL.B.) in November 1983. He was admitted to the Bar in May 1984. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, Minor in Statistics, *with Academic Distinction*, also from San Beda College, Manila in 1979.

Mr. de la Merced's work experience includes the following:

- Practicum and training with the Citizens Legal Aid Office (CLAO) in 1983, now referred to as the Public Attorney's Office (PAO)
- Handled Litigation Cases in Civil, Criminal, Special Proceedings, and other cases before different tribunals, non-judicial bodies and the Judicial Bodies from the City/Municipal Courts, Regional Trial Courts, Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.
- Attendance in various trainings, courses and seminars for Corporate Secretarial Requirements, Litigation Updates, Corporate Governance, Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and other related courses. Mr. de la Merced attended the online corporate governance seminar conducted by the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) on 25 November 2022, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM,

with the topic Disruptive Innovation Strategy.

His professional background is as follows:

- Former Legal Assistant/ Legal Counsel of Vitarich Corporation / Sarmiento Group of Companies
- Former AVP – Central Azucarera de Tarlac
- Former General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Luisita Golf and Country Club Inc., Luisita Realty Corporation (now Luisita Land Corporation), CAT Realty Corporation, Luisita Marketing Corporation and Tarlac Distillery Corporation
- Presently the Corporate Secretary of Liberty Insurance Corporation, J.C. Enterprises, Inc., Tarlac Development Corporation, Hacienda Luisita Inc., Jose Cojuangco & Sons. Inc., Jose and Demetria Cojuangco Foundation Inc. and other Jose Cojuangco & Sons Organizations Affiliates

Mr. de la Merced attended the following online corporate governance seminars conducted by the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD): (1) 17 October 2023, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, with the topic Anti-Money Laundering Act Compliance in the Age of Digital World; and (2) 27 October 2023, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, with the topic Masterclass Third Series Session 4: Transforming Companies with Digital Disruption-Ready Boards of Directors.

## **Compliance Officer**

### **Addison B. Castro**

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