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## President's Report

Dear *Esteemed Colleagues*:

Greetings.

When we commenced our term in January 2021, thoughts of the dreadful nine (9) months in 2020 came to mind, when our personal and professional lives were thrust into upheaval by the grave and devastating consequences brought about by the on-going *tempus horribilis*, i.e., **COVID-19** pandemic. We share wide-ranging challenges: office closures, loss of jobs and businesses, restricted social interactions, all in the midst of immense human suffering on a global scale. What we faced the past nineteen (19) months is certainly “novel”, but most of us consider the way we live as “normal”. This remarkably strange period will improve, but moving beyond it will still take time.

The outbreak in March 2020 of the pandemic occasioned by COVID-19 restricted the holding of PBA-sponsored in-person fellowships and events. In fact, no such gatherings happened during our stewardship. Undeterred, your Association's leadership remains steadfast in its belief that there are things we can and must do together, that there is hope and promise in reckoning with the adversities we face in common that impact on our lives and professions, and that there is a silver lining in the pandemic's dark cloud.

The following is a brief summary<sup>1</sup> of some of our activities and achievements the past twelve (12) months, *viz.*:

### 1. **Rule of Law Advocacy**

Since its founding in April 1891, or 130 years ago, the PBA has been committed to promoting the *Rule of Law*. Through its high-profile exposures to nationwide television, cable TV stations and social media platforms the past twelve (12) months, the Association has restored its preeminent role as the leading voice in the legal community on matters or issues of national importance through:

- ***Proposed hosting of the nationwide debate between the President and former Senior Associate Justice Antonio T. Carpio on the implementation of the favorable Arbitral Ruling in South China Sea Arbitration, PCD Case No. 2013- 19, of the Permanent Court of Arbitration on 12 July 2016;***
- Holding of major *Webinars* on “*Media and the Law: Is the government Weaponizing the Law Against the Media*”; “*Telco Tales*”; “*Continuing Challenges*”

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<sup>1</sup> A more comprehensive Report will be published in *PBA's Virtual Yearbook 2021*.

*in Enforcement of the 2016 Arbitral Award on the West Philippine Sea*”; “*Human Trafficking in Asia: Modern-Day Forms of Slavery*”;

- Issuance of **Statements** and **Press Releases** on various issues relating to *Rule of Law*;
  - Guesting at the Rotary Club of Manila on “*The Rotary’s 4-Way Test and the Imperatives of Implementing the Favorable Arbitral Award on the South China Sea Maritime Dispute*”; University of the Philippines Webinar on “*VOX-A Multi-Disciplinary Discussion on the Proposed Construction of the Mega Facility*”; and “*The Transfer and Assignment to Udenna of 90% of the Contractors’ Rights and Obligations in Service Contract 38 or Malampaya Project as Viewed from the Lens of the Philippine Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act*” (see additional *Webinar* offerings under the heading “*Webinars*”, *infra*);
  - Numerous interviews on major news, cable television stations and newspaper publications and major dailies (see **URLs** under the heading “**News and Cable Television Interviews**”, *infra*);
  - International Lecture in New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)’s *Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Presentation* | [What You Must Know About Litigation In The Asia-Pacific-Region II](#);
  - Continuing challenge as one of the thirty-seven (37) Petitioners to the constitutionality of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020, *Philippine Bar Association v. The Executive Secretary, et al.*, G.R. 25300;
  - Convenorship in the [Alliance for Life and the Law of the Sea](#), or *Call of the Sea* and [Movement Against Disinformation \(MAD\)](#); and
  - Campaign against disinformation, misinformation or “fake news” on mass media, particularly on major internet platforms such as [Facebook/Meta](#), [Google and YouTube](#) and [Tik-Tok](#).
2. **Holding of the [Virtual Inauguration and Oath-Taking](#) of the Officers, Trustees and Advisers at the Hall of Justice of the Supreme Court with the Chief Justice administering the oath, delivering the Keynote Speech, and witnessing the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) International Section and PBA**; see also text of the [President’s Inaugural Speech](#)
  3. Expansion of the Association’s international foot print and reach through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) International; and shepherding, through the Philippine Chapter, the admission of PBA’s qualified members (with waiver of application/admission fees) to the NYSBA International Section by June 2022
  4. **Partnership and linkages with other allied professional organizations such as the [Alliance for Life and the Law of the Sea](#), or *Call of the Sea* and [Movement Against Disinformation \(MAD\)](#)**

5. Partnership with GMA News (“Eleksiyon “22”) through a Memorandum of Agreement on activities relating to the conduct of free, orderly, honest and peaceful election in May 2022
6. In pursuit of its membership engagement activities and networking opportunities, admission to PBA of unprecedented sixty-five (65) full-fledged members<sup>2</sup>
7. Free Legal-Aid services to qualified indigent litigants<sup>3</sup>
8. Offer of legal assistance to beleaguered journalists
9. Amendment of the Association’s Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws<sup>4</sup>
10. Relaunching of the **PBA Website**<sup>5</sup>
11. Revival of the tax-exempt status of PBA<sup>6</sup>
12. **Hosting of Memorial Masses for deceased Past Presidents Teresita Cruz Sison (1991 – 1992), Rolando P. Dela Cuesta (2002 – 2003) and Antonio R. Velicaria (1997 – 1998)**

**NOTA BENE:** You may access the full recordings and/or texts through the respective **LINKs** and/or **URLs** indicated.

1. **Webinars:**

- a) *PBA Talks-Mass Media and the Law*, 13 August 2020<sup>7</sup>

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M29rOLj81QU>

LINK:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zniXCBS9SryAKhwy7lt08a33A6NhZE43/view?usp=sharing>

Viewed virtually by more than 1,000 attendees, PBA’s maiden *Webinar* was aptly and provocatively entitled “*Media and Law: Is Government Weaponizing the Law Against the Media?*”, highlighting controversial *Rule of Law* issues relating to the closure of the media giant ABS-CBN, the conviction for cyber-libel of prominent media practitioner (and Nobel Prize for Peace Awardee) Maria Ressa and the recently enacted Anti-Terror Act. The Main Speakers were **Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Salvador S. Panelo** and **Dean Melecio S. Sta. Maria, Jr.** with **Dean Ma. Soledad Margarita Deriquito-Mawis**, **Atty. Carlo L. Cruz** and **PBA First Vice President Rico V. Domingo** as Panelists/Reactors.

- b) *PBA Talks-Telco Tales*, 18 September 2020

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<sup>2</sup> Through the efforts of the Membership Committee chaired by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Trustee **Peter Irving C. Corvera**.

<sup>3</sup> Through the efforts of the Chair of the Legal Aid Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Trustee **Joel Raymond R. Ayson**.

<sup>4</sup> Through Secretary/Trustee **Ian Ray P. Malilong**

<sup>5</sup> Through the efforts of Trustee **Chrysilla Carissa P. Bautista**, assisted by PBA Office Manager **Jing Osias**; please visit [PBA Website](#)

<sup>6</sup> Through the assistance of former Trustee **Othello C. Carag**

<sup>7</sup> This *Webinar* was held during the term of Past President/Trustee **Jose Perpetuo M. Lotilla**; Past President/Trustee **Fina Bernadette A. Dela Cuesta-Tantuico** shepherded PBA’s successful hosting of the *Webinars* listed on **a)**, **b)**, and **d)**

LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/philbar.association/videos/pba-talks-telco-tales/818237302052621/>

LINK: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H7VIp0hOLijTHRztzyH3SernwD2koWRr/view?usp=sharing>

This *Webinar* was hosted by the PBA in cooperation with the Harvard Law School Alumni Association. Entitled “**Telco Tales**”, the *Webinar* posed the following intriguingly and thought-provoking *Rule of Law* issues: “*Should We Allow 100% of Telcos?*” and “*Is expropriation of Telcos an idle threat or a legitimate government action?*” The well-attended *Webinar* featured the former **Senior Associate Justice Antonio T. Carpio**, **Atty. Rogelio V. Quevedo**, **Brigadier General Eliseo M. Rio (Ret.)**, as Main Speakers, and **Atty. Jorge V. Sarmiento** (formerly Deputy Commissioner of the National Telecommunications Commission), **Dr. William T. Torres**, **Ms. Estrella “Neng” Juliano-Tamano** and **Atty. Marion Anthony R. Tonson** as Panelists/Reactors.

a) ***Online Art Auction*<sup>8</sup>, 19 December 2020**

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URgjymXCRDw>

LINK:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HdUpwG\\_6O4roD9ACay949xuvuawSySRA/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HdUpwG_6O4roD9ACay949xuvuawSySRA/view?usp=sharing)

b) ***Continuing Challenges in Enforcement of the 2016 Arbitral Award on the West Philippine Sea***, 30 April 2021

LINK: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riMVcPpr3\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riMVcPpr3_I)

LINK: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SaRT5fO\\_yTxfU94W5tSSv6cUXT9jHQdK/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SaRT5fO_yTxfU94W5tSSv6cUXT9jHQdK/view?usp=sharing)

On the **South China Sea Arbitration**, PCA Case No. 2013-19.

In addition to former **Supreme Court Senior Justice Antonio T. Carpio**, the Key Speakers in this *Webinar* were **Dr. Brendan Plant**, a Hopkins- Parry Fellow and Director of Studies in Law (LA, LLM, MCL) at the Downing College, University of Cambridge and Fellow, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge ([dow.cam.ac.uk/people/dr-brendan-plant](http://dow.cam.ac.uk/people/dr-brendan-plant)), and **Professor Julian Ku**, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty Director of International Programs, and Maurice A. Deane Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law. Hofstra Law School with B.A. degree from Yale University and J.D. from Yale Law School ([Julian.G.Ku@hofstra.edu](mailto:Julian.G.Ku@hofstra.edu)). **Dr. Jay L. Batongbacal**, Director of the Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea, University of the Philippines, and **Atty. Jean De Castro** were the Co-Moderators.

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<sup>8</sup> Past Vice President/Trustee **Rodelle B. Bolante** spearheaded the successful conduct of this maiden *Virtual Art Auction*. He also chaired the Committee (also, as in the first *Art Auction*, with the participation of Treasurer/Trustee **Ernestine Carmen Jo D. Villareal-Fernando**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Rachelle Aileen S. Santos**, Past President **Ronald Olivar Solis** and Member **Divina Gracia E. Pedron** and Office Manager **Jing Osias**) that held the recently-concluded second *Art Auction* to raise funds for the Association.

Unlike the other fora or discussions on the pivotal seminal issues relating to the disputed West Philippines Sea, the *Webinar* went to the jugular, where the three distinguished Speakers lent their expertise and perspicacity by providing the audience - - more than 500 of them in virtual attendance - - the nuts of bolts on how the Philippines may effectively enforce the 2016 Arbitral Award in light of the refusal of China to recognize and comply with the Ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. As expected, the Speakers proposed remedies available to the Philippines within the rubric of said favorable Ruling.

The New York State Bar Association International supported the holding of the *Webinar*. Active participants included international law practitioners and academics, public officials, members of the diplomatic corps and embassies, defense advocates, bilateral and multi-lateral institutions, civil society organizations, and think-tanks who generally tracked and were interested in maritime issues.

- c) ***VOX-A Multi-Disciplinary Discussion on the Proposed Construction of the Mega Facility***, 18 May 2021

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdkYxMALBak&t=10s>

Co-sponsored by the PBA, this *Webinar* tackled *Rule of Law* concern on the proposed construction of the mega vaccination facility in Nayong Pilipino.

- d) ***PBA Inauguration and Virtual Oath-Taking at the Hall of Justice, Supreme Court***, 18 June 2021

LINK: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Jcym7H4k5I&t=11s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Jcym7H4k5I&t=11s)

LINK:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h95ukv\\_1hBNR0LtubfhMI-6wTHum5PTR/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h95ukv_1hBNR0LtubfhMI-6wTHum5PTR/view?usp=sharing)

- e) ***New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Presentation | What You Must Know About Litigation In The Asia-Pacific Region II***, 8 July 2021

LINK:

<https://nysba.ce21.com/ViewerUnAutheticatedLink?x=L@@@12v3e6hFRWJ/dwn631XKfw==&ce21=true>

In addition to being the Chair of the Philippine Chapter of the New York State Bar Association International and member of its Executive Committee, the PBA President is a Lecturer and Faculty of the New York State Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education (CLE) on which the Philippine Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) is modeled. This *Webinar* was co-sponsored by the PBA.

- f) ***Alliance for Life and the Law of the Sea, or Call of the Sea all of the Sea***, 12

July 2021

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0s7m-qZuzs&t=9s>

The PBA President is a Co-Convenor of the **Call of the Sea**, a multi-sectoral joint initiative that presented a *Ten (10)-Point Whole-of-Country Strategy to Enforce the Favorable Arbitral Award of the Permanent Court of Arbitration* on the Ruling's 5th Anniversary on 12 July 2016.

- g) ***The Rotary's 4-Way Test and the Imperatives of Implementing the Favorable Arbitral Award on the South China Sea Maritime Dispute*** (via Zoom), 19 August 2021

LINK: <https://rcmanila.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/BALITA-Rotary-Club-of-Manila-Newsletter-August-19-2021-compressed.pdf>

On invitation of the Rotary Club of Manila, the PBA President made a *PowerPoint* presentation on the various *Rule of Law* issues relating to the favorable Arbitral Ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the remedies the Philippine Government can resort to within the rubric of the United Nations Charter.

- h) ***Rule of Law Under the Duterte Administration***, Kilusang Makabansang Ekonomiya., 6 September 2021

- i) ***Human Trafficking in Asia: Modern-Day Forms of Slavery***, 6 October 2021

***Co-sponsored with New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), Philippine Chapter, International Section of NYSBA***

This *Webinar* was co-sponsored by the PBA with the New York State Bar Association International, Asia/Pacific Chapter, and other allied international organizations.

- j) ***The Transfer and Assignment to Udenna of 90% of the Contractors' Rights and Obligations in Service Contract 38 or Malampaya Project as Viewed from the Lens of the Philippine Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act***, National Youth Movement for West Philippine Sea (NYMWPS), 17 November 2021

- k) ***Sulong: The Role of Media and the Law During the Time of Elections***, 27 November 2021.

LINK:

[https://www.facebook.com/sulongmedialaw/videos/991055874808715/?extid=NS\\_UNK-UNK-UNK-IOS\\_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing](https://www.facebook.com/sulongmedialaw/videos/991055874808715/?extid=NS_UNK-UNK-UNK-IOS_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing)

Co-sponsored by the PBA, this *Webinar* was presented by the PBA President's Class in *Media Law and Ethics* at the Ateneo Law School during the First Semester, School Year 2021 – 2022.

## 2. **News and Cable Television Interviews:**

- a) PBA Pres. Rico V. Domingo & former PH Rep. to UN Larry Baja, Jr.-The Source (CNN), 7 May 2021.



LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmDVeY77b0w&t=2s+>

On PBA's offer to host the nationwide debate between President Rodrigo R. Duterte (President Duterte) and former Supreme Court Senior Justice Antonio T. Carpio (Supreme Court Senior Justice Carpio) on the propriety of implementing the favorable Arbitral Ruling on 12 July 2016 of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Hague, Netherlands on the People's Republic of China's maritime claims in the South China Sea.

- b) Duterte-Carpio debate should take place to enlighten Filipinos on WPS issue (ANC), 7 May 2021.

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbO2tg8KruA&t=322s>

On PBA hosting the much-awaited debate between President Duterte and former Senior Supreme Court Justice Carpio, and providing the Filipino public the opportunity to learn more on the core issues involved in the implementation of the favorable and rules-based Arbitral Ruling and thereby "raising the bar of discussion", national conversation and awareness on the current Administration's position vis-à-vis this *Rule of Law* controversy.

- c) New Philippine Bar Association Officials take their oath-Unang Balita (GMA) Arnold Clavio, 18 June 2021

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KItXTN-3-uI>

Television coverage on the Virtual Oath-Taking of the Officers, Trustees and Advisers at the Hall of Justice of the Supreme Court before the newly-installed Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo.

- d) On The Spot Teleradyo Interview (Tony Velasquez and Danny Buenafe), 23 June 2021.

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5ZzxNh8sR0&t=2848s>

On the legality or constitutionality of the contemplated arrest of citizens who refused to be vaccinated sans any enabling legislation authorizing such governmental measure in the midst of the ongoing pandemic.

- e) Sagot Ko 'Yan-Teleradyo (Atty. Joey Lina), 27 June 2021. LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otIaHYdtRT4&t=21s>

On **Call of the Sea's** Ten (10)-Point Whole-of-Country Strategy to Enforce the favorable Arbitral Award of the Permanent Court of Arbitration on 12 July 2016.

- f) U.S. to China: An Armed Attack on Ph Armed Forces in Ph Sea would trigger Mutual Defense Treaty, 13 July 2021.

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdGGTI2q5PY&t=5s>

- g) State of the Nation Address 2021- Teleradyo Special Coverage, 26 July 2021.

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTV9cai-74&t=12s>

Interview of PBA President re: the Philippines' enforcement of the favorable Arbitral Ruling on the South China Sea Arbitration shortly before the delivery of

the final State of the Nation Address (SONA) by President Rodrigo R. Duterte.

- h) DWIZ-Mr. Taxman-Atty. Lorna Kapunan and Mr. Jaime Regalario, 31 July 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7YqPNCD5QI&t=418s>

- i) Teleradyo-Lawyer's group: Duterte should recall order for Cabinet to shun Senate probe, 6 October 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsLvcaC7pSw&t=17s>

On, among other *Rule of Law* topics, the legality of the President's directive to members of his Cabinet and other officials to refrain from attending the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee hearings on the **Pharmally** controversy.

- j) KSMBPI-LBP Special Broadcasters Forum 10-19-21 Malampaya Sell Out! Wow!, 19 October 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20L5UhsJGmk>

Press conference on the filing on 18 October 2021 of Criminal Complaint for alleged violation of Sections 3(e), (j) and (i) of Republic Act No. 3019, the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, with the Office of the Ombudsman in Iloilo City in relation to the reported transfer or assignment of the rights and obligations of

Chevron Philippines, Inc. and Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. in Northwest Palawan Service Contract (Service Contract 38) to Udenna Corporation and/or its subsidiaries.

- k) RUNDOWN-ANC-Lawyer: Udenna's Malampaya deal dwarfs Pharmally case; This is not about politics, but corruption, 19 November 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dguclsj2Acs>
- l) Pasada sa Teleradyo, 26 November 2021.  
LINK: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lp-cP7\\_cwpY&t=1812s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lp-cP7_cwpY&t=1812s)

On the application and mechanics of the Extradition Treaty of 13 November 1994 between the Governments of the Philippines and the United States of America with respect to the criminal charges against and indictment of Filipino Pastor A. Quiboloy, *et al.* in the District Court of Los Angeles, State of California, U.S.A. The PBA President was likewise asked his opinion on the effect of the Philippine Government's request for suspension of the investigation by the International Criminal Court (ICC) which the latter granted.

- m) One On One Walang Personalan | Arnold Clavio at Connie Sison, 1 December 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/dzbb594/videos/368979804981830>

- n) Cyberlibel cases ni Cusi vs journos, news orgs pinalagan, kinondena | TV Patrol, 6 December 2021

Kinondena naman ito ng mga grupo ng mga mamamahayag at maging ng pinuno ng Philippine Bar Association na nag-alok ng tulong-legal sa mga mamamahayag. Nagpa-Patrol, Mike Navallo. TV Patrol, Lunes, 6 Disyembre 2021)



LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AMiecxLjcc>

- o) RMN News- PH Bar Assoc. Offers Legal Assistance to Targeted Journalists and Media Organizations, 8 December 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWvH4dWluCM>
- p) KSMBPI - Online Brgy. Action Center DWBL1242kHz – PBA Offers Legal Assistance to Targeted Journalists and Media Organizations, 8 December 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M6M3wb9g-c>
- q) RUNDOWN-ANC-Anti-Disinformation group calls on social media firms to do more vs fake news, 23 December 2021.
- r) LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b42OJiskTa4>

3. **Press Releases:**

- a) Lawyers' groups: Duterte jail threat vs COVID-19 vaccine opposers has no legal basis, 23 June 2021-ABS-CBN

LINK: <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/06/23/21/lawyers-group-duterte-threat-illegal>

- b) Fight against disinformation launched, Facebook urged to step in, 17 November 2021-Nowyouknow

LINK: [https://www.nowyouknowph.com/post/fight-against-disinformation-launched-facebook-urged-to-step-in?fbclid=IwAR304rar3Z45c2Td0E-mjpvMhi5OhmjFtM6U4XAoMw1oEMFZ4iSJPoRFedQ\\_aem\\_AfmY-0RU4LNWhYbxds\\_UCN4UruFtZnp79bE6t0Ixj4w-zkTkvrFUC2W3KzGgK6rIS\\_Rgdvx-sJXNurSLFgHr6iZjUmhSDUx2iJ1OUm1yvqtyjuBkaWIITSZWm2Jr4pLCADY](https://www.nowyouknowph.com/post/fight-against-disinformation-launched-facebook-urged-to-step-in?fbclid=IwAR304rar3Z45c2Td0E-mjpvMhi5OhmjFtM6U4XAoMw1oEMFZ4iSJPoRFedQ_aem_AfmY-0RU4LNWhYbxds_UCN4UruFtZnp79bE6t0Ixj4w-zkTkvrFUC2W3KzGgK6rIS_Rgdvx-sJXNurSLFgHr6iZjUmhSDUx2iJ1OUm1yvqtyjuBkaWIITSZWm2Jr4pLCADY)

- c) Movement Against Disinformation (MAD) Philippines – MAD Letter to Facebook , 17 November 2021.

Urging of Transparency and Increased Resources to address Electoral Disinformation on Facebook in the view of the 2022 Philippine National Elections.

LINK: [https://www.facebook.com/PhilippinesMAD/?hc\\_ref=ARRMxKvJgw6UPby\\_P3KzgOa5BZ0KIVhGvoI\\_zjX8ofceY00ak8RP-Vy-Ir15nbY\\_ivg&fref=nf&tn\\_ =kC-R](https://www.facebook.com/PhilippinesMAD/?hc_ref=ARRMxKvJgw6UPby_P3KzgOa5BZ0KIVhGvoI_zjX8ofceY00ak8RP-Vy-Ir15nbY_ivg&fref=nf&tn_ =kC-R)

- d) Uy's P42-B Malampaya profits can feed 10.5-M starving families, 1 December 2021-PHILSTAR.

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/opinion/2021/12/01/2144860/uys-p42-b-malampaya-profits-can-feed-105-m-starving-families>

- e) Philippine Bar Association offers legal assistance to ‘targeted’ journalists, 7 December 2021.-INQUIRER  
LINK: <https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1525189/ph-bar-association-offers-legal-assistance-for-targeted-journalists>
- f) Philippine Bar Association offers legal assistance to journalists in Cusi libel suit, 8 December 2021 – BUSINESS MIRROR  
LINK: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/12/08/philippine-bar-association-offers-legal-assistance-to-journalists-in-cusi-libel-suit/>
- g) Lawyers group offers assistance to journalists in libel complaints filed by DOE Secretary Cusi, 8 December 2021-MANILA BULLETIN.  
Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/12/08/lawyers-group-offers-assistance-to-journalists-in-libel-complaints-filed-by-doe-secretary-cusi/>
- h) Group offers free legal aid to journalists, 9 December 2021  
MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine Bar Association (PBA) yesterday offered free legal services to journalists who are facing a complaint for libel.

In a Statement, PBA president Rico V. Domingo said they are offering legal assistance to uphold “freedom of the press and help media workers who cannot afford the financial expenses entailed in a libel case.”

Energy Secretary Alfronso Cusi and Davao-based businessman Dennis Uy recently filed separate libel cases against members of media organizations in Taguig and Davao City, respectively.

Cusi demanded P200 million in damages from each of the seven news organizations that reported the graft charges filed against him and other officials before the Office of the Ombudsman in connection with the Malampaya gas deal- PHILSTAR.

LINK: <https://www.philstar.com/nation/2021/12/09/2146626/group-offers-free-legal-aid-journalists>

- i) Anti-disinfo coalition pushes YouTube, Tiktok to crack down on false content- Rappler, 22 December 2021-RAPPLER  
LINK: <https://www.rappler.com/nation/elections/anti-disinformation-coalition-pushes-youtube-tiktok-crack-down-false-content/>
- j) Social media giants urged to fight disinformation on Eleksyon 2022-GMA News Online, 22 December 2021-GMA NETWORK  
LINK: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/815593/social-media-giants-urged-to-fight-disinformation-on-eleksyon-2022/story/>
- k) MAD coalition appeals to TikTok, Google, Youtube to help counter election-related fake news-Business World, 22 December 2021.  
LINK: <https://www.bworldonline.com/mad-coalition-appeals-to-tiktok-google-youtube-to-help-counter-election-related-fake-news/>
- l) Movement Against Disinformation (MAD)'s Press Conference on the Open Letter to Google/YouTube and Tik Tok (via Zoom), 22 December 2021.

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- a) Statement on [Abrogation](#) of the Department of National Defense (DND) and University of the Philippines (UP) Accord, 23 January 2021
- b) Statement on “[Warrant Factories](#)”, 15 February 2021
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- g) Statement on the [MALAMPAYA Project](#), 29 November 2021
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- i) [Christmas \(December 2021\) and New Year \(2022\) Message](#), 24 December 2021

5. **Eulogies:**

- a) [Atty. Teresita Cruz Sison](#) (1991-1992)
- b) [Atty. Rolando P. Dela Cuesta](#) (2002-2003)
- c) [Atty. Antonio R. Velicaria](#) (1997-1998)
- d) [Atty. Ruben F. Balane](#) (July 1941-October 2021)

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