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- 1) PCGG Commissioner – Head of the Asset Management Department
- 2) National Chairman & Spokesperson – Filipino Lawyers for Good Governance, Inc. (FILGOOD), with around 800 members nationwide
- 3) Political analyst and satirist; columnist (“In Open Court”) at *Philippine Free Press* and *People’s Journal*; regular contributor in various broadsheets like *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, *Philippine Star*, *Manila Standard Today*, *Business World*, *Manila Times*; frequent guest in various radio and TV talk shows on issues of national concern.

A. EDUCATION

- 1) Bachelor of Philosophy – University of Santo Tomas, Manila (1968) Class Valedictorian, CUM LAUDE, gold medallist, full scholar and consistent honor student, 1st to 4th year.
- 2) Bachelor of Laws – San Beda College, Manila, Seventh honor, silver medallist. Full scholar and consistent honor student from first to fourth years.
- 3) Special course on International Trade & Finance – London School of Economic Science, England.
- 4) Special course on Business Law – University of California (Berkeley), USA.

B. AWARDS AND CITATIONS

- 1) TEN OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (1968).
- 2) Cited by Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr. for the article “Why SC Justices Are Ours to Protect” published in *Phil. Daily Inquirer*, *Phil. Star*, *Today*, *Manila Standard*, *People’s Journal* and *Taliba*, and for forming “an effective shield of protection for the Judiciary” (Dec. 5, 2003).

C. AFFILIATIONS

- 1) Filipino Lawyers for Good Governance, Inc. (FILGOOD) – National Chairman
- 2) Philippine Society of International Law – Life Member
- 3) Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Life Member
- 4) Philippine Constitution Association (PHILCONSA) - Member

- 5) Rotary Club
- 6) Legal Management Association of the Philippines (LMAP)

D. HIGHLIGHTS AS STUDENT CAMPUS LEADER

University of Santo Tomas (1964 to 1968)

- 1) President – Central Board of Students, highest student governing body in UST (1967 to 1968)
- 2) President – UST (Cooperative Store (1967 to 1968)
- 3) President – Arts & Letters Student Council (1966 to 1967)
- 4) Section Editor and columnist – The Varsitarian, official student publication in UST (1966 to 1967)
- 5) Head delegate, guest speaker, lecturer in several student conferences including the World University Service, National Union of Students of the Philippines, Christian Social Movement and Student Catholic Action.
- 6) Recipient of several special awards for campus leadership and community development; Quezon Leadership Award (1967, 1968); Most Outstanding Student Council President (1967) and Benavides Community Leadership Awards (1968).

San Beda College of Law (1968 to 1972)

- 1) Editor-in-Chief - The Bedan Barrister, official student publication, San Beda College of Law (1970 to 1971)
 - 2) Associate Editor - San Beda Law Journal (1971 to 1972)
 - 3) Class President, Representative to the Law Student Council (1st to 4th year, 1968 to 1972)
 - 4) BEST DEBATER, gold medal - Intercollegiate Debates (1969)
- BEST IMPROMPTU SPEAKER; gold medal – Law Speech Festival (1971)
- BEST ORATOR, gold medal - Law Speech Festival (1971)
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- CAMPUS JOURNALISM AWARD (1970)

E. WORK BACKGROUND

- 1) LAW PRACTICE (19 years)

ABCEDE AMANSEC CABLITAS & ASSOCIATES

Law Firm with offices in Makati and Manila with local and foreign clients

- 2) Was CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL of GENERAL MOTORS (Phil); Vice Pres. for Legal and Personnel, Guevara Group of Companies (DMG Motors); Legal and Information Officer, INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO), assigned later to the ILO Asian Regional Offices to Bangkok and the Area Office in London; Editorial Writer and Researcher, Supreme Court of the Philippines; Commercial Law Prof., De La Salle University, Manila.

