

### **Overview**

As the Philippines has entered a new phase under a new administration led by President Rodrigo Duterte, it is an appropriate time to reflect on how the Philippines might build on and maintain the momentum it has achieved under the previous administration. In this summit, Asia Legal Business (ALB) will be bringing together in-house counsels, legal practitioners and industry experts, providing them with an unbiased forum to discuss regulatory changes and best legal developments.

Now on its 3rd year, ALB Philippine In-House Legal Summit 2017 will build on last year's success by once again bringing together regulators, top in-house leaders and senior legal professionals. They will provide you with insights into significant regulatory developments both within the Philippines and throughout the region. Relevant issues that will help you build a more successful In-House legal department will also be discussed.

# **Benefits of attending**

- · Network with senior in-house counsels. lawyers and business leaders who are on top of their game
- In-depth workshops focusing on the latest legal issues presented by top domestic and international law firms VIP networking luncheon and refreshments
- Speaker notes and materials provided

# **Topic highlights**

- Cross-Border M&A: Issues and Considerations
- Strategic Management Act: Introduction and Overview
- Managing Compliance Risks When Doing **Business in ASEAN**
- Drafting an Effective Arbitration Clause

- How Technology can help In-House Counsels to Work better? Understanding the Importance of Adopting Tech for In-House Counsel
- Unity in Diversity: The Changing Role of the In-House Counsel and Legal Profession within an ASEAN Integration

# **Speakers**

- Maria Christina Macasaet-Acaban, Partner, **Quisumbing Torres**
- Ronald Bernas, Partner, Quisumbing Torres
- Albert Porta, Associate Director, Business Development Asia Pacific, TMF Group
- Camille Khristine I. Aromas, Senior Associate, DivinaLaw
- **Albert Porta**, Associate Director, Business Development - Asia Pacific, TMF Group
- Roel Refran, Chief Operating Officer, Philippine Stock Exchange
- Walter Dela Cruz, Corporate Legal Counsel, G4S Holding Inc, Philippines
- Winthrop Yu, Chairman, Philippine Chapter of the Internet Society
- Angelito Averia, President, Philippine Computer Emergency Response Team
- Francis Euston Acero, Complaints and Investigations Division, National Privacy Commission
- Christopher Stephens, General Counsel, Asian Development Bank
- Jemy Gatdula, Senior Fellow, Philippine Council for Foreign Affairs
- Kiril Caral, Managing Counsel, Shell Philippines Exploration B.V
- Solomon Hermosura, General Counsel, Ayala Corporation and Managing Director Avala Group Legal
- Siegfred Mison, SVP for Legal and Corporate Communications and General Counsel, Philippine Airlines



**GUEST OF HONOUR** Atty. Rosario Setias-Reyes National President Integrated Bar of the **Philippines** 

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# **ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS**

# PHILIPPINE 2017 IN-HOUSE LEGAL SUMMIT

#### 8.30am

**Registration and Refreshments** 

#### 9.00am

**Opening Remarks** 

#### 9.05am

**Keynote Address by Guest of Honour: Spotlight on the Legal Developments** under the New Administration

Atty. Rosario Setias-Reyes, National President, Integrated Bar of the **Philippines** 

### 9.35am

# **Presentation: Cross-Border M&A:** Issues and considerations

- · Issues to look out for when managing M&A transactions
- How to manage these issues and minimize risks
- Tips for a successful M&A transaction

Maria Christina Macasaet-Acaban, Partner, Quisumbing Torres

# 10.20am **Refreshment Break**

11.00am

# **Presentation: Strategic Trade Management Act: Introduction and Overview**

- What the law says
- Draft implementing rules and regulations
- Implications for business and actions to consider

Ronald Bernas, Partner, Quisumbing Torres

# 11.45am

# Panel Discussion: Managing **Compliance Risks in Doing Business** in Asia

- How should a company approach its assessment of third party risk?
- When do you know whether your compliance programme is working effectively in a different jurisdiction?
- What should a company expect of its business partners' anti-corruption procedures in the region and internationally?

· How should in-house legal and compliance functions respond to bribery warning signs within their organisation or supply chain?

#### Moderator:

Albert Porta, Associate Director, Business Development - Asia Pacific, TMF Group

# Panelists:

Roel Refran, Chief Operating Officer, Philippine Stock Exchange Walter Dela Cruz, Corporate Legal Counsel, G4S Holding Inc, Philippines

#### 12.15pm

**Networking Luncheon** 

# **Presentation: Drafting an Effective Arbitration Clause**

- Why is a dispute resolution clause important?
- Basic concepts of arbitration agreements
- Considerations in drafting an arbitration clause
- Multi-tier dispute resolution clauses

Camille Khristine Aromas. Senior Associate, DivinaLaw

### 2.30pm

**Panel: Understanding the Rewards** (and Risks) of Adopting Technology for In-House Counsels

- Adopting cutting-edge technolgy for efficiency and business value
- Company-issued or BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
- Making technologies a valuable tool, not a stumbling block
- Legal, regulatory and compliance challenges of technology

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Winthrop Yu, Chairman, Philippine Chapter of the Internet Society

**Angelito Averia**, President, PH-CERT the Philippine Computer Emergency Response Team

Francis Euston Acero, Complaints and Investigations Division, National Privacy Commission

**Refreshment Break** 

#### 3.45pm

Panel: Unity in Diversity: The changing role of the In-House Counsel and legal profession within an ASEAN Integration

- How is ASEAN Integration affecting us now and in the near future?
- How and to what extent can inhouse communities work alongside business leaders heads to influence legislation and develop the wider corporate landscape in Philippines?
- How does the increasingly businessoriented role of in-house legal teams affect the relationship with external counsel?

# **Moderator:**

Christopher Stephens, General Counsel, Asian Development Bank

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4.45pm **Closing Remarks** 

5.00pm **End of Event** 



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