



# ABUDA ASIS & ASSOCIATES

## ATTORNEYS AT LAW

PARTNERS

Cornelio B. Abuda | Jehremiah C. Asis\* | Jose Jaime V. Cruz | Judith C. Alejo

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### FIRM WRITE-UP

**Abuda Asis & Associates (AAA Law)** was formed with the vision to become *one of the premier banking and project finance law firms in the Philippines*. Since AAA Law's establishment as a *boutique firm*, it has carved a niche in the Philippine legal landscape as trusted and respected advisors in project finance and banking law.

AAA Law has represented clients in *landmark and award-winning transactions*. Among these are the US\$720 million greenfield financing facility to GN Power Mariveles Coal Plant Ltd. Co. for its 600 MW coal-fired power project (recipient of *Deal of the Year* awards by six publications) and the US\$425 million notes issuance and bond placement for Quezon Power Philippines Limited (awarded *2011 Best Structured Loan Deal in Southeast Asia* by the Alpha Southeast Asia Deal and Solutions Awards). The firm continues to be involved in *significant project finance transactions*. Recent projects of the firm include conventional and renewable energy projects (including one of the first wind projects to reach financial close under the Renewable Energy Law), the Mactan-Cebu International Airport Project, the LRT1 Extension Project and the NAIA Expressway Project, the last three being key components of the PPP Program of the Philippine Government.

AAA Law has been *consistently recognized by prestigious legal publications*. In the 2024 edition of *asialaw Profiles and Leading Lawyers*, AAA Law is cited as a *Recommended Firm* for Banking & Finance and for Banking & Financial Services, and as a *Notable Firm* for Energy and Infrastructure in the Philippines. In *IFLR1000's latest Asia Pacific rankings*, the firm is ranked in *Tier 3* for Banking and Project Finance and in *Tier 4* for M&A among Philippine law firms. It is also acknowledged as a *Notable Firm* for Project Development. *Chambers and Partners* ranks the firm in *Band 3* for Banking & Finance and for Projects, Infrastructure & Energy in the Asia Pacific Rankings of law firms in the Philippines. The *Legal 500* also ranks the firm in *Band 2* for Projects & Energy and in *Band 3* for Banking & Finance. AAA Law is also one of only three law firms featured in this year's *Legal 500 Green Guide for Asia Pacific*. In the *Asian Legal Business (ALB) Philippine Law Awards 2021*, the firm bagged the prestigious *Projects, Energy and Infrastructure Law Firm of the Year* award.

AAA Law was established in December 2007 by Cornelio Abuda and Jehremiah Asis, who were the most senior lawyers of the Banking & Finance Practice Group of Quisumbing Torres (member firm of Baker & McKenzie International) prior to forming AAA Law. In January 2012, Jose Jaime Cruz, also formerly from Quisumbing Torres, joined as lead partner for the firm's tax practice. In January 2019, the firm promoted Judith Alejo as junior partner.

AAA Law currently consists of four partners and six associates. The lawyers of the firm have extensive experience in providing the full suite of corporate law services with a specialized practice in other areas such as energy, utilities and infrastructure development, and public-private partnership transactions where it has also gained recognition. The firm's other practice

areas include mergers and acquisitions, general corporate law, and taxation.

### Apprenticeship Program

AAA Law offers an apprenticeship program for incoming junior and senior law students in good standing who are interested in the firm's specialized fields of corporate law practice and want to develop an expertise in these fields. AAA Law attorneys will directly supervise the students and expose them to the firm's practice by involving them in various aspects of the projects and transactions handled by the firm (e.g., research assistance, documentation review, contract drafting and signing/closing).

The AAA Law apprenticeship program runs from July to August or prior to the start of the new academic year. AAA Law adopts the number of hours prescribed by the law school's apprenticeship program for the students, which is typically at least 120 hours.

Interested students are requested to send their updated resumé or curriculum vitae, latest transcript of grades (if available), and cover letter by email ([contact@triplealaw.com](mailto:contact@triplealaw.com)) for evaluation by the partners.

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