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NATIONAL UNION OF PEOPLES' LAWYERS



**WE HAVE BRAVE
CLIENTS. THEY DESERVE
BRAVE LAWYERS.**

"After long years of experience as a people's lawyer, I can honestly say it has been a treasured journey of self-fulfillment and rewarding achievement. I know it will be the same for all others who choose to tread this path."

*-ATTY. ROMEO T. CAPULONG, NUPL Founding Chairperson
In his keynote address at the Fifth Conference of Lawyers in Asia Pacific,
September 18, 2010*

"By calling yourselves the 'people's lawyer', you have made a remarkable choice. You decided not to remain in the sidelines. Here human rights are assaulted, you have chosen to sacrifice the comfort of the fence for the dangers of the battlefield. But only those who choose to fight on the battlefields live beyond irrelevance."

*-SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE REYNATO S. PUNO
In his message at the NUPL Founding Congress,
September 15, 2007*

"Poverty is a question of law... It is our challenge as public interest lawyers to save what remains of the law for the benefit of our people's human rights, as we envision a social order where equality is lived and does not merely exist as a concept in legalese."

-ATTY. FREDERICO M. GAPUZ, NUPL Founding President



THE NATIONAL UNION OF PEOPLES' LAWYERS

The National Union of Peoples' Lawyers was founded on September 15, 2007 as a nationwide association of human rights lawyers, law students, paralegals, and legal workers in the Philippines united by the commitment to the defense, protection, and promotion of human rights especially of the poor and the oppressed.

The clientele of the NUPL are the marginalized and oppressed sectors – farmers, workers, fisherfolk, urban poor, women, youth, students, children, migrant workers, indigenous peoples, Moro people, minority groups, political activists, and human rights defenders.

The NUPL is oriented towards the active defense, protection and promotion of human rights covering the people's civil, political, social, economic, and cultural rights, including the advocacy and assertion of their inherent right to self-determination.

The NUPL was organized to provide mechanisms for collaboration, coordination, assistance, and facilitation of legal services in the local and national levels. As a frontline advocacy, the NUPL is committed to render competent legal services, with the use of legal education, skills, training, knowledge, and experience.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To render concrete, specific, prompt, and competent legal services to victims of violations of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights particularly the poor and oppressed, and to facilitate and coordinate the rendition of such services.

To vigorously, systematically, and aggressively prepare, file, prosecute, and pursue all kinds of cases, complaints, investigations, and lobbying against suspected perpetrators of such violations.

To maximize and rationalize the practical use of existing judicial, quasi-judicial, and other legal fora and remedies in the national and international levels, including the mechanisms arising out of the peace process, for the defense, protection, and promotion of human rights.

To campaign, advocate, and lobby for the liberties, freedom, and rights of the Filipino people as well as those of other peoples of the world.

To share concrete experiences in handling human rights cases and come up with specific recommendations and mechanisms to help ensure the defense, promotion, and protection of human rights and to substantially contribute to the removal of impunity for violations thereof.

To concretize and institutionalize steps and programs for the protection of the security and welfare of lawyers who are under threat and attack by virtue of the exercise of the profession especially those involved in human rights practice as well as oversee the welfare of the families of those who have been killed or attacked.

To promote human rights lawyering as a viable professional alternative, provide venues to conduct research, and for professional and political education, development, cooperation, and mutual support for its members.

To link up, establish, and maintain professional and solidarity linkages with other national and international individuals, groups, or organizations.

