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## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY

**Philippine Bar Examination (R.A. No. 1080)** taken on February 2022

**Inducted 17 May 2022**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Program Officer

*Department of Transportation - Automatic Fare Collection Service*

**October 2022 — Present**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Performs regulatory compliance and governance as established by law and coordinates with various government agencies, especially with regard to the Data Privacy Act, Philippine Competition Act, Consumer Act, and other laws which relate to the Concessionaire Agreement and essential operations of the different railways of the Department of Transportation such as LRT-1, LRT-2, and MRT-3 in implementing a cashless, inter-modal, inter-operable, and convenient payment system in the transport sector.
- Establishment of the Fleet Management System in the EDSA Busway/Carousel which optimizes data collected through fare collection in analyzing commuter demand to manage road traffic and over 8000 buses in Metro Manila using Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.
- Takes charge of planning and crafting policies such as the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Student Discount Law in the purchase of fare media which is used as a payment method in the transport sector and providing technical support through technical reports and legal memo to the Client Advisory Board (CAB) of the DOTr and the private sector.
- Conducts research, coordination, and recommendation of various papers in support of policy enactment and legal analysis which includes drafting memorandums and policies and reviewing contracts, proposals, and programs undertaken by the Department of Transportation.
- Guarantees program compliance and further innovations of the Automatic Fare Collection Service and its Key Performance Indicators under several agreements are being met by the operators. Programs supervised includes the deployment of smart card as a fare media in paying for rail transportation and the use of QR Code and wearables for a more efficient and safer payment mechanism.
- Represents the Office in various capacities such as in Alternative Dispute Resolution and coordinates with different national and local government agencies such as the Public-Private Partnership Center, National Economic Development Authority, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Philippine Competition Commission, and Department of Information and Communications Technology for proper implementation of several railway and transportation development projects of the national government.

### Attorney III

*Department of the Interior and Local Government, Legal and Legislative Liaison Service*

**August 2022 — Present**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Conducts research regarding policies and laws regarding localization of sustainable development goals at the local government level, peace and public order, and public safety. Provide verbal and written legal opinions to Department Officials, other national government agencies, local officials, and the public in general.
- Review or provide comments on Congressional bills/resolutions.
- Review or provide comments on Contracts/Memorandum of Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the Department.
- Represents the Division or Service in Intra-Agency meetings, represents the Department in Inter-Agency meetings, and attends hearings and other official events and gatherings.
- Attend congressional hearings and other similar meetings in the representation of the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries.
- Conducts investigation including fact-finding, data gathering, and drafting of required outputs in administrative cases against local elective officials.

### Legislative Consultant

*House of Representatives, Cong. Keith Micah Tan, Quezon Province*

**August 2022 — Present**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Perform legal and general research on Philippine statutes, jurisprudence, legal frameworks, and international treaties enforced in the Philippines.
- Draft, assist, and proofread bills resolutions, memorials, and other related amendments.
- Communicate, both orally and in writing, with legislators, lobbyists, stakeholders, and constituents.
- Conduct oversight and holds proceeding on various government agencies in which the Office is a member of a specific committee.
- Assist the Office in parliamentary sessions and liaisons as needed.

### Legal Officer

*Urbano Law*

**February 2021 — December 2021**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Drafted pleadings and legal documents regarding labor and employment issues, criminal proceedings, and sale of real properties. Assisted clients in various court and legal processes such as preliminary investigation and court hearings.

## Legal Officer

*Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS, Inc.,)*

**July 2020 — October 2020**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Provided legal advice to clients through the Tisya Hustisya ChatBot, a humanitarian initiative project of IDEALS, Inc., funded by The Asia Foundation, which seeks to give free and immediate legal assistance to the people especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Conducted legal research and analysis of legal frameworks for policy formulation, filing of petitions before the court, and development work.
- Drafted pleadings and petitions for the filing of petition before the Supreme Court, most notably the resumption of transport operations of public utility jeepneys, provision of social protection and alleviation of living conditions amidst the Community Quarantine in the Philippines.

## Legal Researcher/Assistant

*Co – Pua Law*

**March 2020 — July 2020**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Conducted legal research on the commercial legal framework that involves banking laws, competition law, corporation laws, foreign investment laws, securities regulation, and anti-money laundering paired with practices in the ground level.

## Legal Assistant II

*Commission on Human Rights – Human Rights Victims' Board*

**July 2017 — December 2017**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Investigated claims for reparations by claimants that were the victims and/or heirs of the former that were affected by the atrocities committed during the Martial Law period in pursuance of transitory justice towards truth and justice.

## Technical Assistant

*CBR Environmental Consulting Services*

**August 2014 — June 2016**

*Quezon City, Philippines*

- Conducted research and compiled reports that concern the sustainable development initiative of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) which involved analyzing legal frameworks involved in each infrastructure or development project wherein the firm is tapped to conduct due diligence studies.
- Engaged with communities and indigenous people to provide immediate legal advice during consultancy sessions which is essential to comply with the free, prior, and informed consent to obtain environmental compliance certificates in various infrastructure and development projects of the ADB, World Bank (WB), and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

## EDUCATION

**Juris Doctor - Law**, *University of Santo Tomas - Manila, Philippines*

**June 2016 — June 2021**

With high merits in:

Special Commercial Laws (Banking, Data Privacy, and Antitrust), Environmental Law, International Law

**Bachelor of Arts - Legal Management**, *University of Santo Tomas - Manila, Philippines*

**June 2012 — June 2016**

With high merits in:

Philosophical Anthropology, Principles of Finance, Literary and Art Criticism

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Cimatu, Jyrus.** (May 2022). "Ang Batas at Balai (The Law and the Home): Establishing the Right to the City as a Path Towards Liberty and Sustainable Prosperity" – **Finalist** - Foundation for Liberty and Prosperity Dissertation Contest and UST Law Review Vol. LXVI.
- **Cimatu, Jyrus.** (forthcoming). "Platforms, Private International Law, and Progress: Southeast Asia's Future in the Digital Economy" - Tech For Good Institute, Singapore
- **Cimatu, Jyrus.** (forthcoming). "Neoliberalization of Spaces in the Philippines: Promises and Perils of Sustainable Development", Law and Society Association, Lisbon, Portugal. (presented on 14 July 2022 at ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa)
- **Cimatu, Jyrus.** (22 April 2020). "Bayanihan To Heal As One Act: Weaponisation against Covid-19 or the People?", Strengthening Human Rights and Peace Research and Education in Southeast Asia (SHAPE-SEA)

## SKILLS

### MS Office Tools

Word, Power Point, Excel

### Technical Skills

Technical writing with focus on critical analysis of legal frameworks  
Drafting and writing of pleadings, motions, and pertinent legal documents  
and/or other court or administrative correspondence

### Communication

Fluent in English and Filipino (Tagalog)

## AWARDS

**Finalist (Top 10)** – Foundation for Liberty and Prosperity Dissertation Contest

April 2021

**Finalist (Top 2)** – Divina Law Debate Cup

April 2018

**Delegate** – Philippine Model Congress

October 2015

**Best Adjudicator** – UST Debate Series

2015

**Finalist (Top 3)** – UST Pagsulat ng Sanaysay (Essay Writing Contest)

2015

## MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

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### **Law and Society Association**

*Member*

**January 2022 — Present**

*Massachusetts, United States*

- Collaborates with various research networks, institutions, and organizations and presents outputs at various conferences internationally.

### **Foundation for Liberty and Prosperity**

*Fellow Scholar*

**April 2021 — Present**

*Manila, Philippines*

- Contributes academic articles, research, and providing research workshops to various law schools in the Philippines to advocate legal reforms and policy innovation in the field of liberty (civil and political rights) and prosperity (socio-economic rights).

### **Institute for Internet and the Just Society**

*Content Contributor*

**July 2020 — Present**

*Berlin, Germany*

- Provides commentaries and articles regarding various issues relating to just, inclusive, and sustainable digital governance to create public spaces and how it is essential to enable and mold a strong and vibrant democracies for the Berlin-based think tank.

### **Asian Law Students Association**

*Senior Editor – International Editorial Board*

**Nov 2020 — Nov 2021**

*Jakarta, Indonesia*

- Managed and reviewed the Asian Journal of Legal Studies and Asian Law Review Magazine which publishes legal and public policy articles by scholars focusing on international law, human rights, sustainable development, etc.

### **UST Law Review**

*Research Editor – St. Dominic De Guzman Awardee*

**June 2016 — June 2022**

*Manila City, Philippines*

- Led the research on legal and public policy developments to aid contributors on their research and publication and for the dissemination of knowledge to various government institutions and to the public.
- Developed content for easier academic and public consumption through articles and production of podcast episodes.

## TRAINING AND SEMINARS

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### **Law, Regulatory Governance, Justice**

- Intellectual Property Enforcement Masterclass - Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines 2022. Taguig City, Philippines. 8 hrs
- HCCH Asia-Pacific Week Manila 2022: Enabling Cross-Border Cooperation in the Region and Beyond - Hague Conference on Private International Law 2022. Makati City, PH. 40 hrs
- Rage, Reckoning, Remedy - Global Meeting LSA 2022 - Law Society Association 2022. Lisbon, Portugal. 24 hrs
- Data Privacy Act and Conduct of Privacy Impact Assessment 2022 - DILG 2022. Manila, PH. 16 hrs
- Anti-Money Laundering Counter-Terrorism Financing - Anti-Money Laundering Council of the Philippines 2022. Pasay City. 6 hrs
- Targeted Financial Sanctions - Anti-Money Laundering Council of the Philippines 2022. Pasay City, PH. 6 hrs
- Asian Research Colloquium on Constitutional Law - National University of Singapore 2022. Online course. 40 hrs
- Jurisprudence Analysis Workshop – The Asia Foundation, Alternative Law Groups, PCIJ 2020. Online Course. 48 hrs
- International Human Rights Conference: Contemporaneous Strategies and Pathways 2018. Quezon City, PH. 8 hrs
- Violence Against Women and and Children Forum 2014. Manila City, PH. 4 hrs

### **Public Policy and Sustainable Development**

- Workshop on Linking Competition Policy, Economic Recovery, and Resilience: Benefits to MSMEs - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Philippine Competition Commission, Department of Trade and Industry 2022. Quezon City, PH
- Seminar-Conference on Public Sector Productivity - Asian Productivity Organization and Development Academy of the Philippines 2022. Mandaluyong City, PH. 8 hrs
- National Economics Summit - University of the Philippines 2022. Quezon City, PH. 18 hrs
- Public Policy Masterclass: Bridging Research to Public Policy - CiteLOCAL Coalition 2022. Online Course. 3 hrs
- Formulation of Settlements Development Model for New Growth Areas in the Philippines - Department of Science and Technology 2020. Quezon City, PH. 40 hrs
- A Basic Course in Urban and Regional Planning – UP School of Urban and Regional Planning - University of the Philippines - School of Urban and Regional Planning 2019. Quezon City, PH. 40 hrs
- Manila: Future Habitations - Harvard Graduate School of Design 2018. Manila City, PH. 8 hrs
- Significance in the Details: Identifying Values Heritage Structures- Heritage Conservation Society 2017. Manila City, PH. 4 hrs
- Philippine Model Congress 2015. Pasay City, PH. 12 hrs