

ATTY. GERARD ABETO MOSQUERA

Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon



Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon Gerard A. Mosquera obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Ateneo de Manila University with honors and placed second in the 1992 Bar Examinations.

He has a Masters of Law degree from Kings College London and a Masters of Public Administration degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. At the Harvard Kennedy School, he graduated at the top 5% of the graduating class of 2010 and received the 2010 Lucius Littauer Award for Academic Excellence and Leadership.

He served as Commissioner and Head of the Litigation Department of the Presidential Commission on Good Government from October 2010 to May 2012 and during his tenure, the government secured key legal victories, notably:

- 1) Supreme Court decision ordering the recovery of 24% of San Miguel Corporation in favor of the government estimated to be worth Php 75 billion as of 2012;
- 2) Sandiganbayan judgment in favor of the government and against Marcos close associate Mr. Herminio Disini worth US\$50 Million; and
- 3) Supreme Court decision declaring the forfeiture of at least US\$30 Million (inclusive of accrued interest income) owned by a private foundation Arelma, a known Marcos shell corporation.

He served as a United Nations Adviser for Anti-Corruption and was Chief of Party of a USAID-funded anti-corruption project in the young country of Timor-Leste from 2004 to 2010. In such capacities, he contributed to the establishment and organization of three Timorese accountability institutions, the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of the Provedor (Ombudsman) and the country's newly-created Anti-Corruption Commission.

A native of General Santos City, Deputy Ombudsman Mosquera started his law practice in the litigation department of the Carpio Villaraza and Cruz of Makati City in 1992 and eventually opened a law practice in his home city in 1995 where he engaged in criminal and civil litigation work. He served as Chapter President of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines of South Cotabato, Sarangani and General Santos City from 1999 to 2001.

Deputy Ombudsman Mosquera has dedicated the last fifteen years of his professional life to fighting corruption as a practitioner and an international adviser. His preferred areas of focus are anti-corruption investigation, criminal and civil litigation, stolen assets recovery and non-conviction based forfeiture, and legal reform.

He is happily married to Dr. Myra Nissa P. Mosquera, a dentist by profession, and has four children, Luis, 19, Isabela, 17, Jericho, 15, and Franco, 13. He is the grandson of former Secretary of Justice Quirico Abeto under the administration of President Manuel L. Quezon.
