

WENDELL E. BARRERAS-SULIT

Special Prosecutor

Special Prosecutor Wendell E. Barreras-Sulit traces her present disposition to a well-founded legal education earned at the Far Eastern University where she finished Cum Laude in Bachelor of Laws in 1980 and Magna Cum Laude in A.B. Political Science in 1975



During her stint at the University, she was Associate Editor of the FEU Law Review Journal from 1978 to 1980 and was the recipient of various awards, such Best Speaker in the 1975 debate sponsored by the ORADEC FEU Institute of Law, a Silver Law Gold Medal for attaining full scholarship in 1978-1979, a Certificate of Academic Excellence from the FEU Committee on Awards and Scholarships, a Gold Medal and Certificate of Academic Excellence and Exemplary Performance as a student of law in 1980, and a Silver Medal in 1980 for graduating Cum Laude in Bachelor of Laws.

Thereafter, her public career commenced when, in March 1981, she joined the Sandiganbayan as Assistant Section Chief of the Calendar Section and later moving on as Senior Attorney at the Office of the Presiding Justice Manuel R. Pamaran. In December 1982, she became Chief of the Judicial Records Division.

After chalking up more than ten years at the Sandiganbayan, Special Prosecutor Barreras-Sulit transferred to the Office of the Ombudsman in 1991, rising from the ranks to culminate in her appointment as the first woman Special Prosecutor on March 8, 2010. Her diligence certainly did not go unrecognized, as it was also during her stay at the Ombudsman's Office that she received a Commendation from then Special Prosecutor Aniano A. Desierto for Exemplary Performance in 1992 and a Model Employee award from the same Office year 2004.

Special Prosecutor Barreras-Sulit also indulged in academe with her proficiency, having taught at the FEU Institute of Law in subjects such as Criminal Law, Persons and Family Relation, Laws on Natural Resources, Legal Philosophy, Agency, Statutory Construction, Legal Bibliography, and Legal Forms.

She was born in Bangued, Abra to parents Rodolfo S. Barreras, Sr. and Guadalupe Estonactoc. Her growing up years saw her with scholarly records to be proud of: First Honorable Mention award in elementary at the Holy Spirit Academy, High School salutatorian at Abra Valley College, and consistent scholar status throughout high school and college. She has been happily married to Ruperto M. Sulit Jr. and their union is blessed with three loving children; a son Dioxenos, a lawyer employed as State Lawyer II at the Department of Justice, the second, a daughter, Juzzelyx who is a PAO lawyer, and the youngest daughter Juxerez Marias a doctor at the Quirino Memorial Medical Center.

She became a controversial figure when she was dismissed from the service last January 2014 by then President Benigno Simeon Aquino III for recommending the approval of the Plea Bargaining Agreement between the Ombudsman and General Carlos Garcia, AFP Comptroller, who was charged of plunder before the Sandiganbayan. She was recently reinstated to her position as the Special Prosecutor, when the Court of Appeals reversed and set aside with finality the former President's decision.

Her term of office will soon expire on March 11, 2017 and she looks forward to serve the community in her private capacity. After all, she has everything to thank the good Lord who has protected her all throughout her ordeals in life and also for the blessing of having a happy family and sincere friends.