



MEDIA STATEMENT

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FIRM IS NOT LAWYER FOR FIRST GENTLEMAN

Will not accept Ombudsman cases

Some media reports have linked the Firm with the legal defense of former First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo in connection with the on going Senate investigation on the purchase of helicopters by the Philippine National Police (PNP). This is false.

For the record, the Firm does not and will not represent former First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo. His current lawyer, Atty. Inocencio Ferrer, Jr., resigned from the Firm almost a decade ago in 2002.

Since the time of former Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo, the Firm has adopted a policy of declining any engagement to represent any party in cases before the Ombudsman.

Consistent with this policy, we have declined requests for engagement to represent individuals who face charges before the Ombudsman.

We have maintained this policy and intend to keep it.

We fully support newly appointed Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales in discharging her mandate to ensure accountability and transparency in public service.

We issue this statement to set the record straight.

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