

## MARIANO JESUS S. AVERIA

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Averia is engaged in the active practice of law. His legal exposure is varied, having been involved in the litigation of civil, criminal, commercial, and labor cases. As a practicing lawyer, Mr. Averia prevailed in, and was unanimously upheld by the Philippine Supreme Court, in the case entitled "*Senator Robert S. Jaworski vs. Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. et al*", now reported in the Supreme Court Reports Annotated, Volume 419 SCRA 317. In the case of "*U-Bix Corporation vs. Projexx Creator, Inc. et al*", Mr. Averia again prevailed in the Supreme Court as counsel for Respondent Projexx Creator, Inc. which is now reported in 566 SCRA 284-289. In the case of *Wesleyan University-Philippines v. Guillermo T. Maglaya, Jr.*, (G.R. No. 212774; 23 January 2017), a labor case involving an issue on whether or not the Respondent is a corporate officer or an employee of the Petitioner, Mr. Averia prevailed at the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) and in the Court of Appeals, but graciously yielded to an enlightened decision of the Supreme Court after weeding out the conundrum involved in this case.

Mr. Averia took up Law at the Ateneo De Manila University (1981-1983) and graduated at the University of Santo Tomas-Faculty of Civil Law in 1987. Since then, Mr. Averia held various positions in the private and Government sector before joining the Agcaoili & Associates and the PNCC. Among others, Mr. Averia was employed as: [1] Legal Aide, and later as Legal Officer, at the then Department of Education, Culture & Sports from 1988 to May 1990; [2] Associate Lawyer of the Singson Valdez Law Offices from June 1990 to June 1992; [3] Legislative Staff Officer at the Office of Senator Freddie N. Webb from July 1992 to January 1993; [4] Chief of Staff in the Office of Congressman Abdullah S. Mangotara from September 1996 to June 30, 1998; [5] Junior Partner at Delos Reyes Bonifacio Delos Reyes Law Office from September 1996 to December 2000; [6] Committee Secretary of the Senate Committee on Tourism chaired by then Senator Robert S. Jaworski from August 1998 to July 1999; and [7] as Committee Secretary of the Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources chaired by then Senator Robert S. Jaworski from August 1999 to January 2001.

Mr. Averia is currently a Partner of the Law Firm of Agcaoili & Associates where he started as a Senior Associate in 2001. Mr. Averia is the retained counsel of various business entities engaged in trading, banking, securities, and business

process outsourcing (BPO). Mr. Averia was the Corporate Secretary of the Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC) from November 2017 to January 26, 2023. He was appointed Acting Director of PNCC on 13 January 2023.