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# ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

## Summary of qualifications

- Has been working with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in various technical, legal and managerial capacities for more than 20 years.
- Graduated in April, 2000 with a degree of Masters of Science in Environmental Science with area of specialization in Community-based Resource Management.
- Graduated in April 2005 with a degree of Bachelor of Laws and passed the Philippine Bar Examination in March 2005.
- Graduated in August 2014 with the degree of Masters in Public Management from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore / Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

## Education

- 04 July 2013 – 09 August 2014 Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts  
National University of Singapore, Singapore

### Master 's Degree in Public Management

- October 2000 – April 2005 New Era University, Quezon City

### Bachelor of Laws

- June 1996 - April 2000 New Era University, Quezon City

### Master of Science in Environmental Science

- 1986-1990 University of the Philippines, Los Baños

### Bachelor of Science in Forestry

- Recipient of College of Forestry Award for Leadership, College of Forestry, UPLB, April, 1991.
- BFD Scholar, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Forest Management Bureau, Seven Semesters, AY 1987-1990
- Outstanding Student Personnel, Office of the Student Affairs, UP Los Banos, December 1989
- Scaler of the Year, Zeta Beta Rho Fraternity and Mussaenda Honor Sorority - sponsored "Future Forester's Day, AY 1989-1990.

## Professional experience

- August 3, 2015 to present

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**DENR Undersecretary for Environment and International Environmental Affairs**

- August 11, 2014 to August 3, 2015

Environmental Management Bureau  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**DENR Undersecretary and Concurrent EMB Director**

- November 2010 to 2013

Department of Environmental and Natural Resources  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**Head Executive Assistant (Pollution Adjudication Board, Secretary and Legal Counsel, in concurrent capacity)**

(Office of the Secretary)

- Directs work at the Office of the Secretary to assist / enable the Secretary to make appropriate timely and effective decisions toward the realization of the Department's objective and goals;
- Review/recommend documents, i.e. policies, applications and queries. pertaining to the different sectors of the Department for approval of the Secretary.
- Confer with other officials on mutual problems concerning the Departments plans and programs; and
- Perform/handle special instructions directly from the Secretary.
- September 2007- November 2010

Environmental Management Bureau-DENR  
Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

**Assistant Director (in concurrent capacity)**

- Assist the Director of the EMB in the supervision of the EMB Central Office and 15 EMB Regional Offices in order to ensure that activities to be performed are consistent with the plans and programs of the Bureau.
- Handle the administrative and financial management of the Bureau.
- Ensure that the requirements and provisions of RA 9275 (Clean Water Act), RA 8749 (Clean Air Act), PD 1586 (Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System), RA 9003 (Solid Waste Management Act) and RA 6969 (Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act) are religiously followed and complied with.
- August 2005 – present

Pollution Adjudication Board (PAB), Environmental Management Bureau-DENR  
Visayas Ave., Diliman Quezon City

**Board Secretary and Legal Counsel**

- Assist the Board in the adjudication of Pollution cases specifically violations under RA 9275 (Clean Water Act), RA 8749 (Clean Air Act), PD 1586 (Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System), RA 9003 (Solid Waste Management Act) and RA 6969 (Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act)

- Render legal opinion on the motions and other pleadings filed by Industries/Firms whose operations involve water discharges or air emissions
- Appear as counsel of the Board in court litigations questioning the decision of the Board
- Assist the Office of the Solicitor General in the litigation of cases in the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court
- March 2004-August 2005

Policy and Planning Service Office-DENR, Visayas Ave., Diliman Quezon City

#### **Development Management Officer IV**

- Review, evaluate and prepares contracts, Memorandum of Agreements/ Understanding, Resolutions and other legal documents pertaining to the management and implementation of Foreign assisted projects of DENR.
- Formulate and Review draft proposals, policies, guidelines, rules and regulations pertaining to the protection, conservation and utilization of the country's natural resources.
- March 2002 –March 2004
- National Forestation Development Office -Forest Management Bureau (FMB)-DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

#### **Deputy Project Director**

- Assist the Project Director in the overall project management, administration and supervision of the Forestry Sector Project (FSP)
- September 2000 – August 2003
- Southern Philippines Irrigation Sector Project (SPISP) - FMB-DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

#### **Senior Operations Technical Specialist**

- Provided technical and legal advice concerning the implementation of SPISP. Assisted in the preparation of pertinent operational contracts and work and Financial Plans (WFPs) in coordination with other agencies. Analyzed reports submitted by the field office and recommended operational procedures. Participated in the formulation of criteria for the establishment of plans and programs.

#### **Senior Forest Management Specialist**

- Investigate anomalies and fraudulent transactions entered into by officials in the DENR Field Offices and attached agencies concerning the implementation of reforestation projects of the Department.
- Conduct hearings concerning violations of the provisions of Presidential Decree 705 and other related laws and policies.
- June 1994-August 2000
- Foreign-Assisted Special Projects Office (FASPO)-DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

### **Project Evaluation Officer II**

- Served as a Desk Officer and Point Person for the Low-Income Upland Communities Project (LIUCP) and Conservation of Priority Protected Areas Project (CPPAP). Tasks included review, evaluation and facilitation of all project documents for approval of the DENR Undersecretary; assistance in the preparation of work and financial plans; validation of reported accomplishments from the field; monitoring and evaluation of projects' accomplishments for guidance of decision-makers and top management; and processing of withdrawal applications and replenishments of project expenditures.
- January 1993-May 1994
- FASPO-DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

### **Project Evaluation Officer I**

- Served as Desk Officer to six locally-funded special projects. Tasks included coordination in the planning, preparation and review of work and financial plans; and monitoring and evaluation of performance of projects and provision of corrective measures.
- January 1992-January 1993
- National Program Coordinating Office, Luzon Division-DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

### **Project Development Officer II (contractual status)**

- Monitored and evaluated accomplishments of OSEC-funded Contract Reforestation Projects. Investigated anomalies relative to the implementation of reforestation program. Conducted initial Environmental Examination and Appraisal work on proposed project sites (Forestry Sector Loan II).
- June 1991-December 1991
- Integrated Social Forestry Division-Plans and Program Development Section, DENR, 1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Manila

### **Forester I (casual status)**

- Monitored and evaluated ISF regular, ADB-funded Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Project. Validated ISF accomplishments in the field and investigated reported anomalies in the implementation of ISF. Assisted the field offices in the preparation of their work and financial plans.
- October 1990-June 1991
- DENR, Balanga, Bataan

### **Assistant Planning Officer/Forester (casual status)**

- Assisted the Planning Officer in the preparation of plans and programs of the Office. Validated accomplishments as reported by regular-funded projects and FAPs in the field.

## Training/Seminars Attended

Master in Public Management (MPM) Programme, 04 July 2013 to 09 August 2014, Singapore and Harvard, USA

Integrated Gabay ng Paglilingkod Course Sessuin VII, August 12-20, 2010, Villa Caceres Hotel, Naga City, Camarines Sur.

Integrated Salamin-Diwa ng Paglilingkod Course Session X, June 22 – 05 July 2010, Vista Marina Hotel & Resort, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Zambales.

Fourteenth Annual Financial Agents Workshop, April 8-9,2010, Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

Seventh Regional Meeting of National Authorities of State of Parties in Asia, 28-30 October 2009, Hanoi, Vietnam

Global CDM Project Plaza 2009, 07-09 April 2009, Seoul, Korea

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (COP4), on 27-31 October 2008, Rome, Italy

Study Programme for the Green Framework on Innovative Strategy (GFIS) for Sustainable Consumption and Productivity, June 23-28, 2008, Japan

Workshop on Sustainable Emission Monitoring During Co-processing in Cement Industries and Industrial Combustion Plant, April 16-18, 2008, Jakarta, Indonesia

Water Resources Management Training. International Development Law Organization. Sydney, Australia. October 22-November 3, 2007

Resource Management Course. March 3-18, 2004.

Training Workshop on Property Inspection , April 3-5, 2003

GAD Re-Orientation for DENR Executives & Key Officials, March 27-28, 2003

Development of Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management in the Philippines, March 19, 2003

Multi-Sectoral Seminar/Workshop on Haze Pollution/Open Burn, February 12-13, 2003

International Conference of Timber Plantation Development, November 7-9. 2000

Results monitoring and evaluation, DENR, Training Center, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija. June 28-July 2, 2000.

Training on Environmental Impact Assessment and Ecological Profiling, Imus Sports Complex, Imus, Cavite.

Training on ADB and WB Loan Disbursements, Oasis Hotel, Clark Field, Pampanga.

Training Course on Cost-Benefit Analysis and Effectiveness of Environmental Projects, DENR, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija, July 24-August 15, 1994.

Training on Post-Impact Evaluation, DENR Training Center, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija, November 14-30, 1993.

Basic Population Development Planning Training, Development Academy of the Philippines, Tagaytay City, June 7-11, 1993.

Para-Legal Workshop, DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, July 20-23, 1992.

Enhancement Course on Writing Technical Report and Scientific Paper, Forest Development Center, College of Forestry, UPLB, Laguna, April 2-4, 1992.

Five-Module Training on ISF Program Management, Food and Nutrition Research Institute, Taft Avenue, Manila, October 23-30, 1991.

### **Professional memberships**

Member, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Quezon City Chapter

Member, Association of Career Executives (ACES)

Member, Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc

Member, UPLB Alumni Association

Member, UPLB College of Forestry Alumni Association

Member, UP Beta Sigma

Member, Samahang Ekolohiya ng UPLB

Member, Lumunis Lex Society, College of Law, New Era University

### **Eligibility**

Career Executive Service Officer (CESO), Rank III

Career Executive Services (CES) Eligibility, June 28, 2009

Philippine Bar Examination, March 2006. Rating 75.25%

Forester's Board Examination, April 1991. Rating 81.08%, Eight Placer

Civil Service Professional Examination, July 1991. Rating 81.31%

### **Basic personal information**

Age	46
Civil Status	Married
Citizenship	Filipino

### **References**

Ramon JP Paje, Secretary, DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Atty. Analiza Rebueta-Teh, Undersecretary, DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Atty. Reynaldo Cruz, Undersecretary, Office of the Executive Secretary, Malacañang