

# Meet Our Experts

*Case work and subject matter experts with extensive experience in digital forensics, investigation and prosecution, as well as holistic perspectives on the evolving legal framework and child protective strategies in combatting online sexual exploitation of children.*



## **ATTY. NELISA "LISA" GUEVARA-GARCIA**

*Director, National Prosecution Development,  
International Justice Mission (IJM) Philippines*

Atty. Lisa is the Director IJM Philippines's National Prosecution Development. She has been with IJM for almost two decades, spending 15 years on case work at IJM Manila Office's Legal Department. As a private prosecutor, Lisa has prosecuted cases resulting in 52 case convictions of 45 perpetrators within 7 years as the Anti-Human Trafficking Specialist for the legal team. Four (4) of these case convictions were further affirmed in the Supreme Court. Moreover, the legal team has achieved 120 perpetrator convictions, 52 of which are OSAEC convictions under her leadership from 2016 to 2021. Currently, she works with the Philippine Government in advancing trauma-informed and child-protective approaches to investigation and prosecution of OSEC cases. She leads pioneering initiatives to capacitate prosecution and law enforcement practitioners and to advocate for local legislation against OSEC. Before joining IJM, Atty. Lisa was a Legal Officer of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Microbiology and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Santo Tomas.



## **ATTY. RALPH VINCENT CATEDRAL**

*Specialist, Prosecution - Assessment and Consulting,  
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Atty. Ralph is the Specialist for Prosecution - Assessment and Consulting at IJM's Center to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children. He provides consulting to non-governmental organizations and public prosecutors and helps in scaling effective child-protective and trauma-informed prosecution practices by showcasing IJM Philippines' programs. He has significant experience in prosecuting OSEC and human trafficking cases, supporting public prosecutors' development and capacity-building, and strengthening systems within the prosecution and judicial pillars. He obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Philippines. He also holds a degree in English Studies with a Magna cum laude distinction from the same University.

## **AZALEA**

*Survivor and Leader, Philippine Survivor Network*

Azalea is a survivor and a member-leader of the Philippine Survivor Network. She advocates for the improvement of the Philippine justice system to ensure protection and safe spaces for children in the prosecution of OSEC cases.



**MA. KAREN APRIL ASUNCION-ESGUERRA, RSW**

*Senior Lead for Aftercare Development,  
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Ma. Karen April Asuncion-Esguerra is the Senior Lead for Aftercare Development at IJM's Center to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children. She currently works on developing and scaling models and best practices on survivor support and wellbeing. She is an advocate of child protection and trauma-informed care, with 10 years of experience in social work, practice model development, and capacity building. She is a Social Work graduate from the University of the Philippines, Diliman. She is on the last leg of her master's degree studies in Social Work and used to serve as a part-time lecturer at the same University.



**ATTY. KATHLEEN JOY "KATH" PICCIO-LABAY**

*Head of the Prosecution Development, IJM Manila Office*

Atty. Kath has been with IJM Philippines since 2013 and is currently serving as the Head of the Prosecution Development of IJM Manila Office. Through the years, she has actively prosecuted OSEC cases, and has worked alongside public prosecutors, law enforcement agents, government social workers, and other non-governmental organization and shelter partners in securing justice for OSEC victim-survivors. Atty. Kath is an advocate for women's and children's rights. She obtained her Law degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Faculty of Civil Law. She also obtained her bachelor's degree in Journalism with a cum laude distinction from the same University.



**ATTY. JEDREK NG**

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Atty. Ng is a Senior Partner at Belgica, Aranas, Baldueza, Ng, Dela Cruz and Associates Law Offices. He previously held positions as Special Counsel at International Justice Mission, Associate Solicitor at the Office of the Solicitor General, Assistant City Prosecutor in the City of Manila, Senior Associate at Divina Law, and Director for Investigation, Enforcement and Litigation at the Anti-Red Tape Authority. He is an author, a Legal Consultant, and a Law Lecturer. He obtained B.A. in Behavioral Science and Juris Doctor from the University of Santo Tomas, and LLM on International Comparative Laws from the National University of Singapore.





**PROS. MA. YVETTE TAMAYO-CORONEL**  
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Atty. Tamayo-Coronel is a State Prosecutor previously designated as the Deputy Executive Director of the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) Secretariat. She joined the Department of Justice in 2012 and became deeply involved in the IACAT Secretariat's Strategic Management and Special Operations through advocacy work and counter-trafficking policies. She is an alumna of the United States International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP), UNITAR CIFAL Jeju and JICA UNAFEI. Currently, she is a member of the DOJ Task Force on Women and Children and Anti-Trafficking in Persons, where she actively contributes to investigating and prosecuting human trafficking and violations of related laws.



**PLTCOL MICHAEL VIRTUDAZO**  
*Assistant Chief, Regional Information and Communication Technology Management Division, Police Regional Office 13*

PLTCOL Virtudazo has over two decades of successful career in the Philippine National Police (PNP). He entered the PNP as a Non-Commissioned Officer in 2003. He became a Police Commissioned Officer through lateral entry in 2008 and has been greatly involved in Anti-Cybercrime Investigations and Forensics. He is a multi-awarded law enforcement agent and leader and has an extensive portfolio as a lecturer. He served as the Team Leader and Action Officer of the Philippine Internet Crimes Against Children Center from 2019 to 2021. He holds bachelor's degrees in computer engineering and criminology and is currently pursuing his law studies.



**PROS. ROBERT MICHAEL RAZON**  
*Senior Assistant Regional Prosecutor, Department of Justice - Region XI*

Pros. Robert Michael Razon is a Senior Assistant Regional Prosecutor of the Regional Prosecution Office XI. He is a member of the pool of trainers of the Inter Agency Council Against Trafficking and the Special Projects Division of the DOJ, where he is the Course Manager of the TIP-TWG. Some notable trainings he completed are International Visitors Leadership Program (USA), Regional TOT for ASEAN Frontline Responders (Thailand), Cybercrime Course for the Interpol (Singapore); China-ASEAN Prosecutors Exchanges (China); and Workshop on International Legal Cooperation in TIP Cases (Thailand). He currently teaches Criminal Law at the Ateneo de Davao University Law School.



**JUDGE ROMEO D. TAGRA**

*Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court, Marikina City*

Judge Romeo D. Tagra is the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Marikina City, the Presiding Judge of the RTC Branch 273 - Marikina City, and the Acting Presiding Judge of RTC Branch 272 - Marikina City, and Acting Presiding Judge of RTC Branch 216 - Quezon City. He is also a Member of the Commercial Law Department of the Philippine Judicial Academy and a Professor of Law of the Manuel L. Quezon University, among others.

**ATTY. KIRK MATHEW R. PEDRO**

*Executive Officer, National Bureau of Investigation - Human Trafficking Division*

Atty. Kirk Mathew R. Pedro is an Executive Officer of the National Bureau of Investigation - Human Trafficking Division. In the lecture, he provides an important overview on the Fundamentals of Collecting Digital Evidence, highlighting the roles of various stakeholders from the law enforcement and private sector, as well as the various strategies in effectively gathering digital evidence of OSEC through cybercrime warrant applications.



**PCMS JOCAR SAMENIAN (RET)**

*Former Chief, Digital Forensic Section-RACU 6,  
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PCMS Jocar Samenian (Ret) is the Former Chief of the Digital Forensic Section - RACU 6, Philippine National Police (PNP) - Anti-Cybercrime Group. He had served the PNP since 2003 and, ten years later, assigned at the Digital Forensic Laboratory at the PNP National Headquarters. To complement his extensive experience, received various trainings related to digital forensics, cybersecurity, data security, and online sexual exploitation of children.



**ATTY. JOEY GUMERA**

*OSAEC/ICAC Investigator, Women and Children Protection Center - Mindanao Field Unit*

PMSG Gumera is a specialist in Online Sexual Exploitation of Children/Internet Crimes Against Children (OSEC/ICAC) Cases Investigation. He has been an OSEC/ICAC Investigator since 2016 and currently serves as Chief Operation PNCO of the WCPC - Mindanao Field Unit. He has led several TIP operations in Mindanao, successfully rescuing OSEC/ICAC victims and enforcing accountability against perpetrators. He is a lawyer and a licensed teacher. He also obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Western Mindanao State University. He considers saving Filipinos, especially women and children, from the bondage of human trafficking as his greatest professional achievement.



**ATTY. ANTONI PAULINE PASCUAL**

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Atty. Antoni Pauline Pascual is currently a Bank Officer IV at the Technology Risk and Innovation Supervision Department of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Prior to this role, she was a State Counsel for the Department of Justice's Office of the Cybercrime, and had contributed to various trainings of stakeholders in the prosecution and judicial pillars to combat online sexual exploitation of children.



**PROS. JASMIN GUIUO-DIAZ**

*Assistant City Prosecutor, Office of the City Prosecutor - Iligan City*

Jasmin Guiuo-Diaz, an Assistant City Prosecutor at the Office of the City Prosecutor-Iligan, brings decades of experience to her role, particularly in the Family Court. She's a member of the Regional Anti-Trafficking Task Force X, and an alumna of the International Law Enforcement Academy and the US Department of State's International Visitors Leadership Program. She transitioned from private law practice to public prosecution, specializing in OSAEC Cases and Human Trafficking. Prosecutor Diaz is a formidable force in her office and a passionate advocate of a just and equitable society, especially for children. She is a devoted mother, wife, and daughter.





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Pros. Lumapat-Lomanta is a Senior Assistant Provincial Prosecutor at the Cebu Provincial Prosecutor's Office, and a seasoned trainer of the DOJ-Office of Cybercrime and DOJ-IACAT Region XI - Anti-Trafficking Task Force. She has earned a distinction for having successfully secured a conviction in the FIRST documented Cyber Pornography case in Cebu. She is a Law Professor of Sto. Niño Mactan College, and an alumna for Cybercrime Policy Forum and Academic Criminal Justice at the International Law Enforcement Academy (Roswell, New Mexico). She obtained B.A. in Psychology (Magna cum laude) and Juris Doctor (cum laude) from Southwestern University-PHINMA, Cebu City.



**PROS. PRINCESS ROXANNE SUCOR**

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Pros. Sucor is a well-acknowledged Assistant City Prosecutor of the Office of the City Prosecutor - Taguig City for her 6-year career in prosecuting and obtaining convictions against perpetrators of various crimes, including child trafficking. Born and raised in Iligan City, Pros. Sucor holds a Bachelor Nursing and a Bachelor of Laws. In 2021, she served as a Non-Executive Visiting Scholar at the Institute of Justice of the Ministry of Justice in South Korea, and wrote a guide on using digital evidence to prosecute online sexual exploitation of children. She is a travel enthusiast and a self-proclaimed chef who enjoys K-Dramas.