



Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE BAR CHAIRPERSON

Congratulations, Most Valuable Lawyers (MVL).

You have succeeded the final hurdle in your journey toward becoming lawyers. You have proven yourselves worthy to join this noble profession – one that plays an indispensable role in pursuing truth, upholding justice, and building a stronger nation. By conquering your *#MostValuableLaban*, you have exhibited that you are “*Fundamentally Ready*” and “*Potentially Capable*” to practice law, and above all, your tenacity, courage, grit, and perseverance.

I also extend my heartfelt congratulations to those who supported you along the way. Your achievement is a testament to the unwavering love and support of your parents, siblings, friends, colleagues, and significant others. Truly, it takes a village to raise a lawyer, and your village deserves the deepest gratitude.

Note that the Office of the Bar Chairperson will issue an advisory on Clearance Procedures, and the Conduct of the Oath Taking and Roll Signing Ceremonies. Take pride in yourselves. In a few more weeks, on January 24, 2025, you will become full-fledged advocates of the court. Celebrate that you shall be known in the legal history as our *#MostValuableLawyers*.

Lawyering comes with a remarkable prestige, but remember to stay grounded. Do not chase fame and fortune. There are higher altruistic values at stake than personal ambition and gain. I pray that you will always hold on to the ethics and dignity of our profession, and choose to become lawyers with integrity, empathy, and compassion for the marginalized and the oppressed. You must seize the abounding opportunities to do great as morally responsible lawyers. The unimaginable powers at your fingertips must serve as reminder of your duties as faithful servants and defenders of the law.

As we celebrate the holidays and the close of this year, I wish you joyful tidings filled with warmth of love, light of laughter, and cheer of gratitude for the exciting journey ahead. May your futures be bright, and may your unwavering commitment to justice continue to shine.

Once again, congratulations, my *#MostValuableLawyers!*

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MARIO V. LOPEZ

Chairperson, 2024 Bar Examinations