

ARISTOTLE BANZON BATUHAN

Born September 7, 1966, in Cebu City, Philippines, Aristotle B. Batuhan obtained his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Philippines in 1992, and his Master of Laws from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A, in 1995. At Harvard, his areas of concentration included constitutional law and public international law. Upon graduation from Harvard, he worked briefly as a visiting foreign attorney at the prestigious law offices of Hale & Dorr in Boston.

From 1996 to early 1999, Mr. Batuhan worked as a senior associate at SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan, the largest law firm in the Philippines. His practice areas included corporations, foreign investments, project finance, public utilities [telecoms and water], banking, securities and privatization. He also has experience in corporate, civil and criminal litigation, and has argued cases before labor and other administrative tribunals.

Mr. Batuhan was tapped to join the Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President in April 1999, with the rank of presidential assistant. He was tasked to review foreign-funded projects and government infrastructure contracts. He resigned his post in October 2000. Mr. Batuhan also served as Senior Legal Consultant at the Office of the Presidential Chief of Staff in January 2006 to early 2007.

Mr. Batuhan co-founded Batuhan Blando Concepcion Law Offices in October 2001 and was its Managing Partner until July 20, 2010, when he was appointed as Undersecretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC).

He resigned from DOTC on October 15, 2011 and resumed his private practice as Special Counsel at Batuhan Blando Concepcion & Trillana Law Offices.

Mr. Batuhan serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Motoring Ventures Phils., Inc.

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I. Personal Circumstances

Age : 50
Civil Status : Married

II. Academic Background

- Master of Laws
Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts [1995]
- Bachelor of Laws
University of the Philippines [1992]
 - Dean's Medalist, fifth in the graduating class
 - Member, Order of the Purple Feather
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics
University of San Carlos, Cebu City [1987]
Magna Cum Laude
- High School
University of the Philippines, Cebu City [1983]
Class Salutatorian, With Honors
- Grade School
Cebu State College, Cebu City [1979]
Class Valedictorian

III. **Extracurricular Activities**

A. **Harvard Law School**

Judge, Ames Moot Court Competition, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 1995

Resource Speaker, Asean Forum, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, September 1995

B. **University of the Philippines- College of Law**

Team Captain, Philippine Team, Jessup Moot Court Competition in International Law, Washington D.C. [1991]

Team Captain, University of the Philippines Moot Court Team- Regional Eliminations [1991]

Team Captain, University of the Philippines Debating Team to the “Great Debate III” – U.P. vs. Ateneo [1992]

Team Captain, University of the Philippines, College of Law Debating Team- U.P. vs. USC in Cebu [1990]

C. **University of San Carlos**

President, University of San Carlos Supreme Student Government [1986]

Editor-in-Chief, Today’s Carolinian [1985]

IV. **Work Experiences**

A. **DOTC Work**

Undersecretary for Legal Affairs, FMS and PSPMS/
Undersecretary-in-Charge for Land and Maritime Transport
Department of Transportation and Communications

Alternate Chairman, Maritime Industry Authority [MARINA]

Alternate Chairman, Philippine Ports Authority [PPA]

Alternate Chairman, Cebu Ports Authority [CPA]

Alternate Chairman, Mactan Cebu International Airport Authority [MCIAA]

Alternate Member, Toll Regulatory Board [TRB]

Alternate Member, Government Procurement and Policy Board [GPPB]

Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee [BAC-DOTC]

B. **Past**

Managing Partner, Batuhan Blando Concepcion

[August 2001 up to July 2010]

Legal Consultant, Office of the Presidential Chief of Staff, Office of the President [January 2006 to February 2007]

Presidential Assistant, Presidential Management Staff, Office of the President [April 1999 to October 2000]

Senior Associate, SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan
[1997 to 2000]

Associate, SyCip Salazar Hernandez & Gatmaitan
[1992 to 1997]

Consultant, Committee on Energy, Philippine Senate [1998-1999]

Visiting Attorney, Hale & Dorr, Boston, Massachusetts
[1995-1996]

Consultant, Public Services Committee, Philippine Senate [1992]

Chief of Staff, Office of Senator John H. Osmeña [1989-1990]

Technical Assistant, Commission on Appointments, Congress of the Phils., [1990-1992]

Youth Coordinator, Nagkaisang Filipino
[1987]

Technical Assistant, Office of the Mayor, Cebu City
[1986]

Reporter, Metro Manila Times
[1986-1987]