

Personal data

Name: Miriam Defensor-Santiago
Date of birth: 15 June 1945
Place of birth: Iloilo City, Iloilo, Philippines
Nationality: Filipino
Languages: Filipino, English (fluent)

Academic background

Visiting Fellow, St. Hilda's College, Oxford University, United Kingdom.

Visiting Fellow, Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law, Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

Paris-Geneva Summer Program in International Law, Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

Summer Program in Law, Oxford University, United Kingdom.

Summer Program of Instruction for Lawyers, Harvard University, United States of America.

Graduate, California Judicial College, University of California at Berkeley, United States of America.

Fellow, Seminar on judicial writing and case flow management in the trial courts, Institute of Judicial Administration, Quezon City.

Fellow, UN/UNITAR Programme in International Law, The Hague, Netherlands and Brussels, Belgium.

Fellow, External Session of The Hague Academy of International Law, Tokyo, Japan.

Fellow, Academy of American and International Law, Southwestern Legal Foundation, Dallas, Texas, United States of America.

LL.D. (Barbour Scholar and DeWitt Fellow), University of Michigan, United States of America.

LL.M. (DeWitt Fellow), University of Michigan, United States of America.

LL.B. (*cum laude*), University of the Philippines.

BA Political Science (*magna cum laude*), University of the Philippines.

Professional experience

2010-2016 Senator of the Republic of the Philippines.

2004-2010 Senator of the Republic of the Philippines.

1995-2001 Senator of the Republic of the Philippines.

1989 Secretary (Minister) of Agrarian Reform.

1988-1989 Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration and Deportation.

1976-1988 Professorial Lecturer, College of Law, University of the Philippines.

1983-1987 Presiding Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 106, Quezon City.

Other professional experience

2008	Philippine candidate to the International Court of Justice.
1994	Opinion Columnist, “Gadfly,” <i>Today</i> newspaper.
1992 to present	Senior Partner, Defensor-Santiago Law Firm.
1992	Presidential candidate (with second highest number of votes).
1991 to present	President and Founder, People’s Reform Party.
1990-present	Chair and Founder, Movement for Responsible Public Service.

Member, Board of Directors

- Public Estates Authority, 1988-1989
- Philippine Retirement Authority, 1988-1989
- Ninoy Aquino International Airport Authority, 1988-1989
- Landbank of the Philippines, 1989

Opinion Columnist, “Overview,” *Philippine Panorama* Sunday magazine.

1981-1983	Legal Consultant, University of the Philippines Law Center.
1982	Legal Consultant, Philippine Embassy, Washington, D.C., United States of America.
1979-1980	Legal Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva, Switzerland.
1970-1980	Special Assistant to the Secretary (Minister) of Justice.

Decorations and citations

- Top Womanity Award for Public Service (2011, Female Network)
- Order of Civil Merit (2008, Kingdom of Spain)
- Diamond Award for excellence in the legal profession (1993, University of the Philippines Portia Sorority)
- Award of Honor (1990, 1991 and 1993, U.P. Women’s Law Circle)
- Golden Jubilee Achievement Award for government service (1990, Girl Scouts of the Philippines)
- Magsaysay Award for Government Service (1988, Ramon Magsaysay Foundation)
- Professional award in law (1988, University of the Philippines Alumni Association)
- Gold Vision Triangle Award for government service (1988, YMCA Philippines)
- Republic Anniversary Award for law enforcement (1988, Civic Assembly of Women in the Philippines)
- Ten Outstanding Women in the Nation’s Service Award for Law (1986, Philippine Lions)
- Ten Outstanding Young Men Award for Law (1985, Philippine Jaycees)

Publications

Books

Law (College Textbook Series, 1999-2003)

- Civil Code Annotated
- Constitution Annotated
- Corporation Code Annotated
- Election Code Annotated
- Insurance Code Annotated
- Local Government Code Annotated
- National Internal Revenue Code Annotated
- Penal Code Annotated
- Rules of Court Annotated, 2nd Ed.
- Tariff and Customs Code Annotated
- Constitutional Law, Volume 1 – Political Structure
- Constitutional Law, Volume 2 – Bill of Rights
- The 1973 Constitution
- International Law, *With Philippine Cases and Material and ASEAN Instruments*
- International Law (co-author)

Papers published

International Humanitarian Law as an Evolving Field of Law, *Integrated Bar of the Philippines Journal*, Volume 33, 2007.

The Status of IRRI as an International Organization in National and International Law, *Philippine Law Journal*, Volume 79, page 887, 2005.

Some Issues of Immigration Law in a Developing State, *Michigan Journal of International Law*, Volume 10, page 252, 1989.

CID: The Philippine Experiment in fighting Graft, *Career Executive Journal*, Volume 1, 1989.

Family Reunification for Refugees, the Philippine context, *Lawyer's Review*, Volume 2.

Arrest and Search: Guidelines for Policemen, *Criminal Justice Journal*, Volume 6, 1986.

Criminal Procedure in the Juvenile Justice System, *Criminal Justice Journal*, Volume 4, page 31, 1984.

The 'New' Equal Protection, *Philippine Law Journal*, Volume 58, 1983.

Identifying the Political Offender, *Philippine Law Journal*, Volume 56, page 395, 1981.

Promotion, Dissemination, and Teaching of International Refugee Law: Towards a New International Social Order, *Philippine Law Journal*, Volume 55, page 139, 1980.

Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts, *Philippine Law Journal*, Volume 54, page 188, 1979.

Procedural Aspects of the Political Offence Doctrine, *Philippine Law Journal*, Volume 51, page 238, 1976.

The Archipelago Concept in the Law of the Sea, *Philippine Law Journal*, Volume 49, page 315, 1974.

Papers and conferences

Papers delivered

“On Issues and Principles of the Rome Statute of the ICC,” Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Consultation on the Universality of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), Parliament of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, 9 March 2011.

“Principle of Non-Discrimination in International Law,” 6th International Conference of Tibet Support Groups, Haryana, Dharamsala, India, 5 Nov 2010.

“The Praxis of Gender Justice in the Philippines – Implications for Lawmaking,” Panel on Gender Justice and Women Rights, 32nd Annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action, Istanbul, Turkey, 25 October 2010.

“Reflections on the Evolution of International Responsibility and the Rule of Law,” 9th Doha Forum on Democracy, Development and Free Trade, Doha, Qatar, 5 May 2009.

“Reservation to Treaties,” 63rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, United States of America, 29 October 2008.

“Shared Natural Resources,” 63rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, United States of America, 27 October 2008.

“Reservation to Treaties” and “Shared Natural Resources,” 62nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, United States of America, 2 November 2007.

“A Democratic State and Governance in the 21st Century: A View from East Asia,” II Global Forum on Reinventing Government, Brasilia, Brazil, 29 May 2000.

“Guidelines for Reporting by Governments on the Implementation of the Global Program of Action, on the Progress Achieved in Meeting the Goals and Targets for the Years 2003 and 2008,” 42nd Session of The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Vienna, Austria, 17 March 1999.

“Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism,” 53rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, United States of America, 12 November 1998.

“Women Business Lawyers: Meeting the New Political and Economic Challenges in Asia,” Conference of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (Women Business Lawyers’ Group), Singapore, 4 December 1995.

“The ‘Gap’ in the International Protection of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, Victims of Conflicts,” International Congress on Respect for International Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy, 7 September 1995.

“Toward Radical Humanism in a Meta-Technological Society,” Global Convention on the Restoration of Morality and Humanity, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea, 5 September 1995.

“Asian Perspective: The Promotion of International Refugee Law as a Factor in Conflict Prevention,” 19th Roundtable on Current Problems of International Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy 31 August 1994.

“Corruption Prevention Strategies in Developing Countries,” Keynote Speaker, Fourth International Anticorruption Conference, Sydney, Australia.

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