

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Atty Florentino P Manalastas Jr is a retired officer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He started his military career as a cadet of the Philippine Military Academy in 1979 and graduated as a member of PMA Matikas Class of 1983. As a Scout Ranger, he initially served in various capacities as a junior infantry officer in the Philippine Army fighting communist terrorists. But he spent most of his career in the Academe as a member of the Faculty of the Philippine Military Academy where he taught Management and Law subjects like Government, Criminal Law, Military Justice, International Humanitarian Law, and Political Law. He served as Department Head to three academic departments of the Philippine Military Academy eventually becoming the Dean of Academics and later on as Dean of the Corps of Professors, Armed Forces of the Philippines with a military rank of Brigadier General and retired in 2014.

After retirement from the military service, he served as Head of the Legal and International Affairs Office of the Anti-Terrorism Council – Program Management Center. At present, he is the OIC – Executive Director of this Center, a position that he has been holding for almost three years now.

Atty Manalastas finished the academic requirements of his Executive Doctorate in Education Leadership from the Development Academy of the Philippines in Pasig City. He has a degree in Master of Business Administration from the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. He earned his Bachelor of Laws from the St Louis University, Baguio City. He is also a graduate of Manager Development Program from Monash - Mt Eliza Business School, Monash University in Victoria, Australia, and the International Defense Management Course from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, USA.

Atty Manalastas is recipient of numerous military medals and ribbons, the highest being the Distinguished Service Star. He is also an awardee of the PMA Instructor of the Year, and the PMA Officer of the Year Awards. In recognition of his excellent service, several government and civilian agencies and individuals awarded him with various certificates and plaques of recognition.