

Speaker Profiles



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Leandro Ben M. Robediso

Partner, Tax and Country Leader for
Global Compliance Management
Services (GCMS), Tax Transformation,
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Technology and Innovation
KPMG in the Philippines

Relevant Experience:

Mr. Bonoan is a former Undersecretary of the Philippine Department of Finance and exercised oversight functions over the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the customs authority. He was responsible for leading the teams that wrote and pushed the passage of key revenue reform legislation, among which is the VAT Reform Law of 2005 (RA 9337).

Noel advises large multinational companies and trade organizations on tax strategies and represents clients before the revenue agencies, especially on high-level issues. He has also worked with industry associations such as the Bankers Association of the Philippines and the Philippine Association of Multinational and Regional Operating Headquarters to ensure that revenue regulations impact them in a constructive way.

His key accomplishments in government include introducing anti-corruption and anti-tax evasion programs that, to this day, are recognized as effective deterrence mechanisms.

He was awarded in 2004 the prestigious Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) in the category of Public Service.

Background:

- Member, Integrated Bar of the Philippines

Relevant Experience:

Leandro is in his 14th year of progressive practice of taxation. He represented KPMG in the Philippine Senate Hearing on TRAIN.

He handles various types of engagements. His experience include: GCMS which includes IFRS and US GAAP Tax Provisioning (FAS 109 or ASC 740) including FIN48 (ASC 740-10); Philippine Tax Return Preparation Assistance; Mergers and Acquisitions; Tax Compliance Reviews; Indirect Tax Services (e.g. VAT Refund Compliance Review, etc.), Independent Certified Public Accountant Services Engagements; General Systems of Preference Verification; Global Grants Evaluation; and SOX404 Reviews.

Background:

- Member, Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants



Manuel P. Salvador III

Principal, Tax and Country Leader for
Indirect Tax Services and Tax
Intelligence Solution Champion
KPMG in the Philippines



Karen Jane S. Vergara-Manese

Partner, Tax and Country Leader for
Global Mobility Services (GMS)
KPMG in the Philippines

Relevant Experience:

Manny joined KPMG in July 1999 from another Big Four firm based in the Makati Central Business District, the primary economic hub of the Philippines, where he started his career as a tax professional in January 1993.

His work included representing companies litigating in the tax courts, providing structuring advice to multinational clients including advising on the VAT system in the Philippines and assisting in getting refund or duty drawback claims by VAT taxpayers. Part of his work was assisting multinational companies set up in the Philippines, which included providing advice for industry start-ups or pioneers seeking to avail of the incentives available to certain kinds of foreign investors.

Background:

- Member, Integrated Bar of the Philippines

Relevant Experience:

Karen has more than 15 years of experience in the tax practice, concentrating in GMS. She is responsible for reviewing tax equalization and international assignment policies to determine income tax consequences and to identify tax planning opportunities. She is also responsible for delivering tax return and employer withholding compliance, tax and immigration opinion projects and individual expatriate tax consulting.

Karen was instrumental in the exponential growth of the GMS practice in KPMG RGM&Co. The key elements to this growth are her 10 years of business relationships and her role in expanding the set of services offered to various companies in the Philippines. In 2014, her efforts paved way to the accreditation of KPMG with the Bureau of Immigration as an immigration service provider. Effective October 01, 2016, she assumed as GMS Country Leader and Immigration Practice Head for the Philippines' Tax Practice.

Background:

- Member, Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants