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Prior to his appointment, Justice Secretary Menardo Guevarra served as the Senior Deputy Executive Secretary of President Rodrigo Duterte. He first joined government service as staff economist at the National Economic and Development Authority and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Secretary Guevarra took up graduate studies in Economics at the University of the Philippines, after obtaining his A.B. degree, Major in Political Science, from Ateneo de Manila University in 1974. He graduated from Ateneo Law School and placed second in the 1985 Bar examinations.

As a lawyer, he worked with the technical staff of the 1986 Constitutional Commission. In 1990, Secretary Guevarra set up his own law partnership and was in active private law practice until April 2015. He was also a faculty member of the Ateneo School of Law.

Given his expertise in the various fields of law, Secretary Guevarra went back to government as Member of the 2010 Philippine Truth Commission, Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs at the Office of the President in May 2015, and Commissioner of the Philippine Competition Commission in February 2016.