

**IRENE JOY J. BESIDO-GARCIA**  
President and CEO



Age: 45

Date of appointment: 25 May 2018

Atty. Irene Joy Besido-Garcia is a luminary in corporate law with vast exposure in complex commercial cases, securities transactions, due diligence examinations, franchising, joint ventures and special corporate projects. In the area of litigation, she has extensive experience in handling family law cases, estate disputes, probate cases, election contests, labor issues, taxation matters and civil cases. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Lawyers Network, an association of legal experts with presence in 66 countries.

Prior to her appointment in PSALM as its seventh chief executive, Atty. Garcia worked in a full-service law firm for more than 19 years with her legal expertise ranging from litigation to corporate law. She was a Senior Partner at the Kapunan Garcia and Castillo Law Offices from years 2006 to 2017 and served as the Managing Partner from years 2011 to 2014, taking charge of administrative and operational concerns of the firm.

Atty. Garcia assumed the dual office of Director and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM) upon the signing by President Rodrigo R. Duterte of her appointment paper and subsequent Special Board Meeting of the PSALM Board of Directors on 25 May 2018.

Atty. Garcia obtained both her BA Communication Research, *cum laude* (1994) and Bachelor of Laws (1998) from the University of the Philippines, Diliman. She passed the 1998 Bar exams.