

## Corporate Secretary's Profile

Section 15.3 of GCG Memorandum Circular 2012-07 dated 28 November 2012, otherwise known as the *Code of Corporate Governance for GOCCs*, provides that “the Corporate Secretary must possess organizational and interpersonal skills, and the legal skills of a Chief Legal Officer.” Moreover, Section 15.4 provides that in the absence of a Compliance Officer, “the Corporate Secretary who is preferably a lawyer, shall act as Compliance Officer.” Items 3.10.3 and 3.10.4 of *PSALM's Manual of Corporate Governance* reiterate the qualifications and functions of the Corporate Secretary stated in the *Code of Corporate Governance for GOCCs*.

### August 2017 to Present

**ATTY. MARIA BELEN P. MONTES - NERA** was appointed Corporate Secretary effective 04 August 2017. Prior to her appointment, Atty. Montes-Nera was a Corporate Attorney and later, a Consultant in PSALM.

She has had a long and extensive legal career both in the public and private sector, beginning with her stint at the Office of Associate Justice Florida Ruth P. Romero of the Supreme Court. After three (3) years, she joined then Bautista Picazo Buyco Tan and Fider Law Offices. She went back to government service at the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), where she stayed for almost seven (7) years.

She joined PSALM in September 2002 and was among the pioneer employees of PSALM. After her initial stint in PSALM, she continued to be involved in the energy sector, having been the Manager in the Legal and Regulatory Compliance Department of FDC Utilities, Inc. and a Consultant for Sinag Energy Philippines, Inc. She was also a Consultant, and later, Political Affairs Officer III in the Office of Representative Wilfredo Caminero of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Cebu, a member of the Committee on Energy, before returning to PSALM.

Atty. Montes-Nera earned her Political Science degree, graduating *summa cum laude* from Saint Louis University, and her Bachelor of Laws from the University of the Philippines, with a Dean's Medal for Academic Excellence.