



## Justice Adolf S. Azcuna

Chancellor, Philippine Judicial Academy

Associate Justice (Ret.), Supreme Court of the Philippines

Justice Adolfo S. Azcuna received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with academic honors, at the Ateneo de Manila in 1959 and the degree of Bachelor of Laws, cum laude, at the same institution in 1962. He was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 1963, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1962 bar examinations.

Representing Zamboanga Del Norte, he was elected as member of the 1971 Constitutional Convention. Subsequently, he was appointed as a member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission. He held several government posts during the term of President Corazon C. Aquino, first as Presidential Legal Counsel, then as Press Secretary and subsequently as Presidential Spokesperson.

On October 17, 2002, Justice Azcuna was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. He retired from the Supreme Court on February 16, 2009 and was subsequently appointed as Chancellor of the Philippine Judicial Academy, a post he currently holds.

In 2013, the Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Philippines and the Insular Life Assurance Co., Ltd. conferred to Justice Azcuna The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) Award for 2012 in the field of Justice/Law.

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) has elected Justice Azcuna as one of its five new commissioners for a term of five years from August 12, 2014 to August 11, 2019. The ICJ is dedicated to ensuring respect for international human rights standards through the law. Commissioners are known for their experience, knowledge and fundamental commitment to human rights [<http://www.icj.org>].

The Ateneo de Manila University on its 2016 Traditional University Awards conferred with Justice Azcuna the highest award, the **Lux-in-Domino Award**. The Lux-in-domino Award is a capstone award that requires the crowning achievement of both life and work, given to an extraordinary individual who has incarnated in life, and perhaps even in death, in an outstanding and exemplary manner, the noblest ideals of the Ateneo de Manila University.

Justice Azcuna is married to Maria Asuncion Aunario, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at St. Scholastica's College. They are blessed with four children and four grandchildren.