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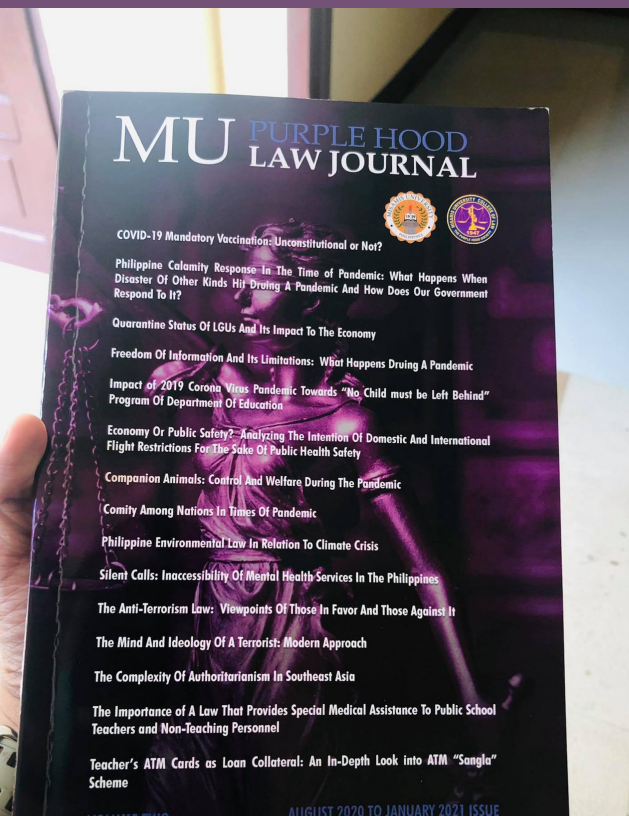
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Into Publication: MU-College of Law Establishes Law Journal

Steffi Dawn Ilagan

Through the years, Misamis University College of Law has provided innovative legal education in Northwestern Mindanao and its neighboring provinces. It has remained committed in upholding its vision of becoming a catalyst of change in society by continuously enhancing its degree program strategies, as well as its curriculum development.

In its efforts of honing the research and writing skills of its students, Misamis University College of Law maintains a culture of knowledge retention and consistency by keeping abreast with a wide array of legal issues through scholarly or academic publications of emerging or topical developments in the law. As it aims to capture legal relevance in contents such as but not limited to the following: reforms; legislative notes; commentaries on newly enacted laws; new issues in the society without legislation; analysis of a problematic law; law and literature; law and philosophy; legal history; development of laws; comparative law; jurisprudence survey; and book reviews, MU College of Law believes that it is



also one way of training its students on how to be socially aware and critically responsive to the issues surrounding the society.

Through the guidance of its very supportive Dean and Law Journal Adviser, it has already produced two (2) volumes of its law journal dubbed "The Purple Hood Law Journal". It is composed of a team of writers, editors, and layout artists who are all duly enrolled students of the Misamis University College of Law. Additionally, it has also produced a newsletter containing reports and news of the various activities and events participated in and conducted by the Purple Hood Society, its official Law Student Government.

The production of Misamis University-College of Law's Purple Hood Law Journal is also in compliance with LEB Memorandum Order NO.23 series of 2019, which mandates all law schools in the Philippines to establish and publish their respective law journals.

Celebrating the Usual, Unusually: MU-College of Law Celebrates Philippine National Law Week 2021

Michelle Ann Paculanang

The third week of September has been declared as the Philippine National Law Week and September 19 of every year is the official National Philippine Law Day mandated by the President under Proclamation No. 1477 Series of 1975.

In the words of the Misamis University College of Law OIC Dean, Atty. Cleo Marjo Cabanilla, it is the annual flagship event for the legal sector. The Philippine National Law Week Celebration is usually celebrated amongst students, teachers and peers face to face. However, the threat of the current health crisis has forced a substantial number of organizations, institutions and people to adapt to the new normalcy in terms of gatherings. Despite, the situation, the annual launching of the Philippine National Law Week for Misamis University kicked-off without a hitch.

September 20, 2021 catapulted the celebration with a Talk Show: Kasayuran: Eleksyon Atong Hisgutan, which allowed law students and professors to share their thoughts on election. The event happened via Zoom and Facebook live, hosted by Ms. Steffi Dawn Ilagan and Mr. Reyel Galario, who are both sophomore law students of Misamis University-College of Law. The same was also attended by the OIC Dean, law professors, and law students from various year levels.

To highlight the core topic of said event, here are some of the questions and answers which stood out during that night.

In the question "Why do you vote?" Ms. Hannilore Villamor-Legaspi said "I vote because it is the most basic and possibly the most important act of citizenship in the electoral process. I vote because it is my right and duty to choose my leader."



Photoessay contest winning entry



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- Ms. Hannilore
Villamor-Legaspi

Miss Margarette Angulo added “Our leaders give us voice, they decide the next steps for us as a community either to help us move forward or to keep us from moving at all. That is why voting good leaders to be our representative is imperative as representation is key to a good country. Furthermore, the importance of practicing our right to suffrage is to determine the future of our country. And to determine whether we make it or break it as a nation.” Mr. Alfred Cañete encouraged us to vote using the quote by Malala Yousafzai “When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”

This, reminds us that our vote is the key to choosing leaders whom we think could bring positive change to our society.

Mr. Nehemiah Montecillo reminded the audience to choose the candidate that is closest to their hearts: a candidate whose love for the service of the people is seen, who thinks of the future of our family, of our children, and of our nation. Ms. Jihan Banding also emphasized that it is very important that the youth of our nation must not be indifferent to our situation. She further stated that change comes from us and reminded us that if we do not do anything to change our situation, nothing would happen. In addition, Ms. Elyn Kendra Dampor shared that the best character of her president is one who has integrity, principle and good beliefs. She further noted that if given the chance to voice out, her president is one who is an advocate for the environment. She would love to have a leader that loves and thinks for the environment as an extension to our survival.

Students were not the only ones who shared their thoughts that night. Insights from some of the College of Law professors were also noteworthy.

Atty. Ivy Manago elucidated an inspiring talk, encouraging the students to really vote. She said that even if our candidate doesn't win, still, it's important to vote. She reminded us to choose leaders whose integrity are intact and sincere in doing their responsibility. Generally, leaders who have humility, because a leader that is humble understands the plight of the people. Another professor in the person of Atty. Lulu Enerio likewise encouraged the audience to vote as it is very important to do so.

The announcement of the photo essay contest then followed, presented by the chairman of the Training, Education, and Development (TED) Team, along with the official launching of the MU Law merch: bomber jackets and hoodies. The students were encouraged to purchase and show support for said initiative. Proceeds of the activity will be used to fund the Bar Operations of the college, come November 2021.

The night ended with the singing of the Purple Hood Society Hymn, which was written by Judge Armando Adlawan, one of the highly-respected professors in College of Law. The hymn rendered a great reminder of why we are in the Misamis University College of Law.

Towards Greater Heights: MU College of Law Welcomes New OIC Dean

Steffi Dawn Ilagan

In its pursuit for continued excellence and innovation, Misamis University remains equipped with valuable strategies for the degree program and curriculum development, as it transitions from traditional learning to the new normalcy in today's legal education. Through the years, it has produced law graduates and lawyers, who are adept at legal knowledge and are socially sensitive to the challenges of this fast-changing world. As it continues to provide quality legal education in Northwestern Mindanao, it likewise embarks wonderful and fresh beginnings for every new school year.

As it adopts a new curriculum for this academic year, Misamis University -College of Law likewise welcomes new leadership in the person of a young and dynamic lawyer. As a graduate of BS Food Technology from Xavier University,

Juris Doctor degree from University of San Jose Recoletos, and currently taking up Master of Laws degree at San Beda University, she is a private law practitioner and a former instructor of MU College of Criminology. Also a professor in MU College of Law and the former Adviser of The Purple Hood Law Journal and MU-CLEP, she now transitions into a higher role as the new OIC Dean.

In addition to this beautiful vitae, she is also a loving mother, a wife, a daughter, a friend, a cancer survivor, and an inspiration to many people.

The MU College of Law is very delighted to welcome its new OIC Dean, Atty. Cleo Marjo Cartajenas-Cabanilla. The entire MU- College of Law family is excited and looking forward to her leadership and enhancement of the College of Law's competent reputation for excellence in legal education, research, and public service.

Deemed as initial steps in achieving those ultimate goals, the following teams/ student organizations are also established to encourage active student participation in extra-curricular activities namely: a.) MU-Training, Education and Development (TED) Team; b.) MU-Bar Ops Team; c.) MU-Official Student Publication (Law Journal and Newsletter); d.) MU-Legal Aid Works Team; e.) MU-Social Media Team; and f.) MU-Mooters and Debaters Alliance.

Under Atty. Cabanilla's leadership, together as one MU College of Law/ Purple Hood Society, we hoist our banner high "Sukol MU!"

