PROFILES OF MEMBERS OF THE BENCH AND BAR



Judge CONRADO M. VASQUEZ

Graduating valedictorian (Cum laude) of the College of Law, University of the Philippines, in 1937, there was little doubt that, sooner or later, Judge Conrado M. Vasquez would be apprinted in the judiciary. For it is in the judicial department that our people expect and get scholarship. It is also because of the reputation of the Philippine judiciary for scholarship that Filipinos, to the wonder of the world, have accepted judicial pronouncements as guiding principles in their way of life.

The position of the Philippine judiciary in world law is unique. It is here where the way of life under the civil law of Rome and Spain merged with the Anglo Saxon law of England and America. The conflicts between civil law and Anglo Saxon law were many, often critical, hence the early demand for scholarship among the

RULES OF THE ELECTORAL . . . (Continued from page 351) be previously decided in consultation, the presiding officer shall act only after the matter has been voted upon.

RULE XVI DECISIONS

SECTION 1. In deciding contests, the Electoral Tribuna; shall follow the procedure prescribed for the Supreme Court in sections 11 and 12, Article VIII of the Constitution of the Philippines, and allow any member of the Tribunal, after a matter has been deliberated upon and vote taken, a period not to exceed ten days from the date the decision is signed by the majority within which to present a dissenting opinion, if so desires. His failure to do so within the period above stated, will authorize the Tribunal to promulgate the said decision, without prejudice to any member filling any dissenting opinion subsequent to the promulgation.

SEC. 2. The decisions of the Electoral Tribunal shall become final ten days after promulgation. The promulgation shall be made on a date previously fixed, of which notice shall be served in advance upon the parties or their attorneys, personally or by registered mail or by telegram. No motion shall be entertained for the reopening of a case except for the reconsideration of a decision under the evidence already of record. No party may file merc than one motion for reconsideration, copy of which shall be served upon and received by the adverse party within ten days

judges. Philippine judicial decisions on this conflict are therefore studied and often cited by the world's bar.

The career of Judge Conrado M. Vasquez reads like a highway to the judiciary. He was born in Biñan, Laguna, 48 years ago, son of Castor Vasquez and Vicenta Moravilla, both of Biñan. He graduated valedictorian of the Biñan Elementary School, 1983; valedictorian of the U.P. High School in 1931; A.A. (Cum laude) College of Liberal Arts, U.P., in 1933; and valedictorian (Cum laude) of the U.P. College of Law in 1937. He was admitted to the Philippine Bar the same year.

He engaged in private law practice in 1927 to 1939, and 1943 to 1945. In 1939, he was appointed attorney in the Department of Justice. From here, he rose up to the judiciary.

He was chief, legal research division, Department of Justice, in 1946; chief, law division, Department of Justice, in 1948, and (cchnical assistant to the Secretary of Justice, in 1951.

In 1954, Judge Conrado M. Vasquez was appointed judge of the Court of First Instance of Batangas. In 1960, he was chosen "Provincial Judge of the Year" by the Justice and Court Reporters Association of the Philippines.

In 1961, Judge Vasquez was appointed to the Court of First Instance of Manila, Branch V, along with seven other judges.

He is a professor of law in the F.E.U. Institute of Law. He also served as professor in other law colleges such as the National University College of Law, the Philippine Law School, and the U.E. College of Law.

The opinions he prepared in the Department of Justice, and the decisions he rendered in the courts of Batangas and Manila reflect the judicial quality of a brilliant mind. He does not have any specialty in law, and brings to every case before him a warm and sympathetic personality and a brilliant intellect.

At age 48, Judge Vasquez is one of the youngest judges in the dudicary. The path that was drawn for him in Biñan, and through the University of the Philippines and Department of Justice, keeps extending towards higher and higher responsibilities.

after promulgation, who shall answer it within five days after the receipt thereof.

SEC. 3. As soon as a decision becomes final, notice thereof rhall be sent to the Secretary of the House of Representatives, the President of the Philippines, and the Auditor General. The originals of the decisions of the Electoral Tribunal shall be kept in bound form in the files of the Tribunal. Decisions shall be published in the Official Gazette and printed like the decisions of the Supreme Court.

RULE XVII

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

SECTION 1. In so far as they may be applicable and are not inconsistent with these rules and with the orders, resolutions and decisions of the Electoral Tribunal, the following shall be in force as supplementary rules of its proceedings namely:

- (a) The Rules of Court in the Philippines; and
- (b) The decisions of the Supreme Court and the Rules of the Courts of Justice.

RULE XVIII

EFFECTIVITY

SECTION 1. These Rules shall take effect upon its approvai and, notwithstanding the periodic dissolution of the Electoral Tribunal, shall be operative until amended or substituted by a newly constituted Electoral Tribunal.

Adopted, February 14, 1958.

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