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LAW OFFICES

Vergara Mamañgun Jamero Law Offices ("VMJ Law") is a full service law firm composed of dedicated \ and committed lawyers who are well experienced in their own fields of law.

VMJ Law offers the following services to their clients:

## **I. LITIGATION SERVICES**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

The practice of administrative law includes disputes before different administrative agencies such as the Department of Trade and Industry, the Intellectual Property Office, Civil Aeronautics Board, Housing Land Use and Regulatory Board, Energy Regulatory Board and the National Telecommunications Commission.

### **CRIMINAL LAW**

The Firm offers services relating to criminal law such as prosecution of criminal charges as private prosecutor or the counsel for the offended party, or as counsel for the accused.

### **ELECTION LAW**

The Firm is well versed in election law with experience in election disputes and election related matters, including representation of candidates in securing the counting and canvassing of votes. The Firm has conducted several seminars on automated elections in various parts of the country in preparation of the first-ever automated national and local elections in the year 2010.

### **FAMILY LAW**

The Firm's practice in family law involves all aspects of persons, family and matrimonial relations. The Firm handles cases involving domestic and inter-country adoption, child custody and support, guardianship, property relations in marriage, legal separation and annulment of marriage.

### **GENERAL CIVIL LAW**

The practice of general civil law includes actions for specific performance, rescission of contracts, torts and negligence with claims for all kinds of damages. The Firm is also experienced in cases involving property disputes both real and personal.

### **LAND AND DISPUTE REGISTRATION**

This includes registration of titles, disputes before the Register of Deeds and appeals before the Land Registration Authority.

### **PROBATE AND ESTATE**

This includes the preparation of wills and trust plans, and the administration of wills, estates and trusts. The Firm offers services which includes the preparation of a last will and testament, extra-judicial and judicial settlement of estate, and the administration of wills, estates and trusts.

### **TAX LITIGATION**

The Firm appears before Court of Tax Appeals and before the Bureau of Internal Revenue for cases involving claims for refund or tax credit, protest of assessment and tax litigation.

## **II. CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

### **CREATION OF A CORPORATION**

The Firm offers legal services which involve the registration/formation of companies and joint ventures, to mergers and acquisitions. The Firm's lawyers act as corporate secretary in many corporations and provide general corporate housekeeping services.

### **FOREIGN INVESTMENT**

The Firm is experienced in acting as consultants for foreign investors by giving them advice on the applicable laws, various legal procedures, business forms, documentation needed and alternatives open to investors in the setting up of their business in the country. The Firm also advises foreign investors on specialized investments in industrial parks and export processing zones as well as other concerns that may affect it and its business in the country considering tax consequences, regulatory procedures and investment incentives.

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#### **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND REGULATION**

The lawyers of the Firm are experienced in the preparation and submission of bids and/or negotiations for government contracts, and in obtaining various government licenses and permits.

#### **IMMIGRATION**

The Firm provides legal services for the following:

Obtaining, converting, and extending immigrant, non-immigrant, work and special visas, alien employment permits and related matters for expatriate personnel of companies.

Representing clients in deportation proceedings and related matters.

Applying for and processing petitions for dual citizenship.

Applying for inclusion or exclusion of certain individuals in the blacklist or watchlist of the Bureau of Immigration.

Acting as liaison representatives / legal counsel of Filipino clients applying for foreign visas with different foreign embassies.

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

The Firm's practice of intellectual property law involves registration, assignment, licensing, protection and enforcement of trademark, patents, copyright and all other intellectual property. The lawyers of the Firm are experienced in securing search warrants, assistance in enforcement actions, and filing court cases for the protection of its client's intellectual property rights.

#### **TAXATIONS AND CUSTOMS**

The Firm's tax practice includes all areas of tax planning and advice. The Firm has substantial expertise in providing specialized tax advice on all commercial transactions, including banking transactions, project financing, construction contracts, real estate, corporate acquisitions, mergers and reorganizations, debt restructuring, bankruptcies, securities issues, public offerings and stock transactions. Its services include registration and compliance with tax requirements, securing tax opinions and reliefs, availment of tax amnesties and tax treaty benefits, tax avoidance counseling and consultancy. The Firm also handles customs and duties work.

#### **LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW**

The Firm provides extensive legal assistance to a corporation's human resource division. The Firm drafts and reviews the corporation's employee handbook and other memorandum and policies on employee relations. Exhaustive advice is given on substantial and procedural process in the hiring and firing of employees, and all aspects of employer-employee relations. The Firm likewise secures different types of labor exemptions for its corporate clients.

The Firm likewise has extensive practice before the Department of Labor and Employment and the National Labor and Relations Commission on all types of labor cases.

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### III. PARTNERS OF THE LAW FIRM

#### MARIA RHONA S. VERGARA

Atty. Vergara received her Bachelor of Laws Major in Political Science at the Ateneo de Manila University in 1997 and her Juris Doctor Degree at the Ateneo School of Law in 2001. Atty. Vergara was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2002.

Atty. Vergara specializes in intra-corporate litigation, family law, estate proceedings, contract law, intellectual property law, international and domestic adoption and international and domestic arbitration. Ms. Vergara also has extensive practice in criminal fraud cases, labor and civil collection suits.

She is also a member of the Philippine Trial Lawyers Association and the Philippine Constitutional Assembly

#### RACHEL M. RECINTO-MAMAÑGUN

Atty. Mamañgun is the Managing Partner of the firm. Ms. Mamañgun received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines in 2001. She was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2002 and is a member of the UP Women Lawyer's Circle.

Atty. Mamañgun has appeared and conducted oral arguments and trial proceedings before judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies such as the Municipal and Regional Trial Courts, the Court of Appeals, the Department of Trade and Industry and the National Labor Relations Commission.

#### MARIE HOPE S. JAMERO

Atty. Jamero received her Juris Doctor degree from the Ateneo de Manila University in 2002. Her pursuit for academic excellence was rewarded when she graduated with honors from the same prestigious university. She was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2003.

Atty. Jamero is experienced in a wide range of corporate, tax, intellectual property and immigration legal services such as incorporation, reorganization and restructuring of corporations, filing and processing BIR Rulings, Application for Tax Credit Certificates/Refunds, Tax-Free Exchange and Zonal Revaluation with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, processing immigration issues such as blacklisting and visa applications, assisting international clients in public biddings and appearing before the House of Representatives for the opposition of bills.

### IV. LIST OF CLIENTS

Listed below are some of the corporate clients of VMJ Law Offices whose identity may be divulged:

#### GENERAL CIVIL LAW

1. Affinitas Insurance Brokers, Inc.;
2. Affinity Health and Wellness, Inc.;
3. Air Ads, Inc.;
4. Air Safari, Inc.;
5. Beam Global España, S.L (Fundador);
6. Chivas Brothers, Ltd.
7. Confabia Inc.;
8. Gamilla Security Services Inc.
9. Japan Tobacco Inc. (Mild Seven, Winston and Camel);
10. Jim Beam Brands Co.;
11. Kewalram Philippines, Inc.;
12. King's Hotel and Leisure Corp.;
13. Louis Vuitton Malletier S.A.;
14. Metro Lipa Medical Center;
15. Mother Theresa of Calcutta Medical Center;
16. Maker's Mark Distillery, Inc.;
17. Nikken Philippines Inc.;
18. Photoline Enterprises Corp.;
19. Rephil Station Inc.;
20. Savory Fastfood Inc.;
21. Sanyo Seiki Corp.;
22. Superior Packaging Corporation;
23. Tequila Sauza, S de R.L. de C.V;
24. V Cargo, Inc.