
SILVESTRE H. BELLO III

COMMISSIONER

Ex-Officio Member

Social Security Commission (SSC)

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTION

A member representing the interest of workers and their families in the nine-man Social Security Commission is the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). Pursuant to Republic Act 8282 or the Social Security Act of 1997, the governing and policy-making body of the Social Security System (SSS) shall be “composed of the Secretary of Labor and Employment or his duly designated undersecretary, the SSS president and seven appointive members.”

When Silvestre H. Bello III assumed his post as DOLE secretary in July 2016, he automatically took on the post as ex-officio member of the Commission.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

A seasoned lawyer and human rights advocate, Secretary Bello (Bebot to friends, relatives and associates) has always been a worker for peace and a long-time public servant. In fact, he has unselfishly served the government under four presidents in various capacities.

During the time of President Corazon Aquino, he was named Undersecretary of the Department of Justice (DOJ) from 1986 to 1991, then appointed Secretary until 1992. He served as Solicitor-General for two (2) years during the term of President Fidel Ramos, and again as Justice Secretary in 1998. Under the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, he was tasked to lead the government panel in talking peace with the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People’s Army-National Democratic Front – a post he held for few years.

Under the new Administration of President Rodrigo R. Duterte, aside from assigning him with the task of successfully negotiating and just and lasting peace, he was also entrusted to lead the charge to end “Endo,” illegal contractualization and ensure industrial peace.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE / HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary Bello’s other past professional and civic involvements include holding top positions such as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine National Oil Company - Development & Management Corporation, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Reclamation Authority, Presidential Adviser for New Government Centers, Cabinet Oversight Officer for Indigenous Peoples and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Matters, Cabinet Officer for Regional Development for Region II, Cabinet Secretary, and a member of 16th Congress representing 1BAP Party List Representative in the 16th Congress.

Secretary Bello also sat on the boards of a host of corporate giants including the Camp John Hay Development Corporation, San Miguel Corporation, CAP Realty Inc., College Assurance Plan, Comprehensive Annuity Plan & Pension Corp., Red Eagle Lending Investors Corp., CAP Life Insurance Corp., CAP General Insurance Corp., Puerto Azul, Baguio Country Club, Philippine Plaza Hotel, Urban Bank, and Ambassador Hotel. Likewise, he was once a part of the Board of Advisors of Philippine Airlines.

Furthermore, Secretary Bello is a distinguished associate of various law offices namely Yulo & Bello; Yulo, Torres & Bello; Yulo, Quisumbing, Torres, Ali & Bello; Yulo, Torres, Tarriela & Bello; Tanjuatco, Oreta & Factoran; Pinlac, Feliciano, Partiza, Mojica & Bello (Law Office).

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

A holder of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the Manuel L. Quezon University (1961), Secretary Bello took his Bachelor of Laws and graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University College of Law (1970).
