
Profile:
Gov. Maria Milagros N. Fernan-Cayosa
IBP Northern Luzon Region



Governor Maria Milagros N. Fernan-Cayosa or Mitoy is a Cebuana who chose to live in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan because of love for her family and the people of the North. She is the sixth of nine children of the late Supreme Court Chief Justice and Senate President Marcelo B. Fernan and Eloisa Nolasco Fernan of Cebu City. She finished her elementary and high school education at St. Theresa's College, Cebu City, and obtained her Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree from the University of the Philippines. She is a graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University law school.

Mitoy has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Director, Vice President, and eventually President of the IBP Cagayan Chapter. As the incumbent Governor for Northern Luzon, she represents the thirteen chapters from Cagayan Valley, Ilocos Region and the Cordilleras, which covers the provinces of Abra, Batanes, Baguio-Benguet, Cagayan, Isabela, La Union, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Kalinga-Apayao, Mt. Province, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino. She holds the distinction of being the only female member in the 2009-2011 Board of Governors.

She is presently the Managing Partner of the Cayosa Fernan-Cayosa Law Offices, where she specializes in corporate, labor, and family law. She is a Director of Bangko Magsaysay, Inc., Legal Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the University of Saint Louis Tuguegarao City, and Regional Counsel of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 2.

Beyond her professional and family interests, Mitoy teaches law subjects at the University of Saint Louis. She was Representative of the Association of Law Schools of the Philippines, President of the Tuguegarao Ybanag Jaycees, and a Founding Trustee of the Cagayan North Convention Bureau. She is also the Chairperson of the Cagayan Valley Child Welfare Specialist Group in Region 2.

Atty. Mitoy is married to Atty. Domingo Egon Q. Cayosa, an environmentalist, human rights lawyer, and past President of IBP Cagayan Chapter. After living in Manila for sometime, they opted to raise their four children, Andre, Marco, Clara, and Niña in the Cagayan capital where they are full-time parents and at the same time devoted legal professionals who strive to make a difference in their community.
