

## **ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT**

## THE NATIONAL FILIPINO AMERICAN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES NOEL FRANCISCO ON HIS HISTORIC CONFIRMATION AS THE FIRST FILIPINO-AMERICAN SOLICITOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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NEW JERSEY, September 23, 2017—The National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA) congratulates Noel Francisco on his confirmation as Solicitor General of the United States, which was announced September 19, 2017. Francisco is the first Filipino-American and first Asian-American to be confirmed by the Senate as Solicitor General of the United States. As Solicitor General, Francisco will conduct and supervise the federal government's litigation at the Supreme Court.

"Noel Francisco has had a distinguished career as a litigator and public servant," said NFALA President Jhanice V. Domingo, Esq. "NFALA is a proponent of increased representation by Filipino-Americans at the highest levels of leadership in the legal profession, and we congratulate Mr. Francisco on his confirmation."

Francisco has served as Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States since January 23, 2017. Prior to joining the Justice Department, he was a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Jones Day, where he was Chair of the firm's Government Regulation Practice Group. Before that, Francisco served in the Office of Counsel to the President as Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush and as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Counsel. Francisco was raised in Oswego, New York. He holds a B.A. from the University of Chicago and J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. He clerked for Judge J. Michael Luttig of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and for the late Justice Antonin Scalia of the United States Supreme Court.

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