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*“There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than can be dreamt of in your philosophy.” -William Shakespeare, Hamlet (1.5.165-166).*

Prof. Emmanuel Q. Fernando was the third of five children to former Supreme Court Chief Justice Enrique M. Fernando and Attorney Emma Quisumbing-Fernando. Growing up, he was noted for his prodigious mathematical acumen and outstanding athletic skills, representing his alma mater, Ateneo De Manila High School, in softball and baseball competitions while setting batting records along the way. He was also a member of the track and field, tennis and chess varsities. While still at university, he also won a silver medal in the javelin event at the *Palarong Pambansa* and was a many-time member of the Philippine Baseball team for international competitions.

He graduated BA Philosophy from UP Diliman in 1975, and was thereafter recruited into the faculty by Prof. Armando Bonifacio, PhD, joining the group of philosophy faculty members known as the Bonifacio Boys. He then earned an MA in Philosophy from the same institution after successfully defending his thesis entitled *Mathematical and Philosophical Implications of the Gödel Incompleteness Theorems*. He taught philosophy, law, and physics for over forty years here, attaining the rank of Full Professor. He was also elected Chair of the Department of Philosophy from 2004-2005. He developed a reputation as a fervent champion of the analytic or Anglo-American tradition of philosophy. He taught his students that structured, rigorous, clear, nuanced, and logical reasoning could dissolve conceptual and practical problems of modern society.

As a British Council Scholar from 1980-1981, he pursued further studies in mathematical logic at Gonville and Caius College at the University of Cambridge, and then proceeded to matriculate as a DPhil in the Philosophy of Law student at Merton College at the University of Oxford where he was advised by Joseph Raz, a noted philosopher of law, and J.R. Lucas, a celebrated philosopher of mathematics. His dissertation was successfully defended in 1992. He graduated from the University of the Philippines College of Law in 1994 and passed the Philippine Bar Examinations a year later.

As a legal professional, he served as Vice-Chairman of the Department of Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy of the Philippine Judicial Academy and practiced as a partner of the Quisumbing, Fernando, and Javellana Law Office. He was also a Professorial Lecturer at the UP College of Law, and lectured on business ethics at the Ateneo De Manila University. As a prolific writer, he contributed several articles to academic journals and a newspaper column, *Philosophy Matters*. He also published a number of textbooks, including *A Course in Legal Theory*, Vol. 1 (Natural Law Theories) and Vol. 2 (Legal Positivism), *Environmental Ethics and Law*, and *Business Law and Ethics*. He came close to completing Vol. 3 (Social Science Theories of Law) and Vol. 4 (Critical Legal Theories) of his series, but these unfortunately remained unpublished at the time of his death. He now lies at rest beside his older brother, Enrique Jr., also known as “Tata”. He is survived by his two children Sofia and Manu, his mother who is now one hundred and two years of age, and siblings Lala, Mia, and Eric.

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