



# MARINGLEN KURTAJ

## *From the “Little Doctor” to the Voice of Justice*

At home, jokingly and proudly, they called him *“the little doctor”*— a nickname that gave him an early sense of identity and responsibility. But, as often happens with childhood dreams, reality introduced new perspectives. Through career counseling and personal reflection, he realized that human care extended beyond physical treatment. Gradually, he discovered that his strength lay not in a stethoscope, but in reasoned arguments, in confronting injustices, and in the ability to defend what is right. Thus, his path shifted—from medicine to law, from healing the body to protecting dignity.

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The turning point did not come from a theoretical law lecture but from a real-life experience. As Chief Senator in high school, he faced a tangible issue—the absence of an institutional seal that jeopardized the validity of diplomas. For many, it might have seemed like a bureaucratic detail. For him, it was the moment he realized that law was not just words on paper but a mechanism that safeguards the future.

Career counseling gave him more than just direction—it gave him vision. *"Career counseling helped me envision myself not merely as a graduate professional, but as an individual in continuous growth, creating social value. In the next ten years, I see myself as an active contributor to the development and implementation of public policies, as an educator of future generations, and as a citizen committed to strengthening the democratic foundations of our society."*

Moments of uncertainty were inevitable. He experienced his choice not as an instant decision, but as a careful process of construction. "Throughout my academic and training journey, there were times when multiple paths created dilemmas," Maringlen reflects.

"In many cases, traditional career guidance systems tend to favor 'security' over passion, encouraging choices that appear pragmatic but not always authentic. However, I chose to follow a path that, though more challenging, allows me to be fully myself—a professional who believes that serving the community is more than just a duty; it is a daily commitment."

And it wasn't just law that surprised him with its depth. Pedagogy—an area he had never seriously considered—brought him a distinct sense of fulfillment. As an Assistant Lecturer, he realized how powerful it is to be part of someone's growth and development.

Maringlen's message today is simple yet powerful: knowledge is not a burden, but an inexhaustible treasure. And every sincere effort is a step toward greatness.

Today, he no longer has doubts. He is at peace, yet never complacent; fulfilled, yet never stagnant. The uncertainties of the past have been replaced by a firm resolve—to improve himself and the world around him. Law is the path he has chosen, not merely as a profession, but as a mission.

