

the wholesale/retail auto parts business before venturing into the copper and metal recycling business.

From a family of successful individuals: Uncle Wilfrid, Attorney (a reputable Immigration Lawyer in New Jersey), Uncle Elmer, Attorney/CPA (the former Mayor of Daet, Vice Governor and Congressman of the 2nd District of Camarines Norte, wife Toots is the Incumbent Congresswoman). Another uncle, Rogelio, Attorney (a Delegate-elect to the Constitutional Convention in 1970), it is no wonder that good work ethics and success will follow her on whatever endeavor she sets her eyes on.

Leilani grew up in Manila, Philippines, the oldest of 4 children (2 siblings are currently based in Canada, youngest brother, Jesse, and very supportive and lovable sister, Lorena. Brother Erwin resides in the Philippines with their parent). She attended La Consolacion College in Mendiola from grade school until high school. Enrolled at Colegio de San Juan de Letran for her freshman year in College, then went back to La Consolacion College where she finished her BSC - Management course.

Leilani, most of all, is the loving and proud mother to a smart and gifted son, Jerric, who completes her. A very organized, responsible and focused, young man, determined to be successful in life, traits inherited from his mother. That's why, even with an office in Los Angeles, she enjoys the privilege of being able to work from home. She wants to be home whenever he is home, enjoying his company, as long as she knows that he's nearby, can feel his presence, she is happy. A quiet worker who tends to do too much - she's learning to overcome her being an over-achiever and a perfectionist, and is slowly learning when to stop, enjoy the simple things in life, and unwind.

Always the hard worker, she goes through the routine of getting up and getting dressed even if only working from home, it motivates her but admits to sometimes foregoing that ritual and

stays in her pjs, only in isolated cases (according to her). For someone involved in a very social profession, she doesn't go out much. Her time and energy reserved for the most important things in life, God being her priority, her son comes in second, family, then work, social life last. Stated that "She has to work to be able to have something to spend in order to have a social life." Reason why social life is last. (More laughter here.) Something I can relate with.

Fun facts: Leilani is -- scared of the dark - sleeps with the lights on, avoids soda so she can enjoy her chocolates, and last but not the least, loves bread soooo much. (Watch those carbs, young lady.) Indeed, a perfect end to a perfect day (we finished talking at a quarter past one in the morning, east coast time, flew on quickly by, priceless!).



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