

# The Fateful Days of February '86— The Ouster of a Dictator and Exile to Hawai'i

Eyewitness accounts of the EDSA People Power Revolt that ended Martial Law  
February 25, Friday @ 4 p.m. (Hawaii) and February 26, Saturday @ 10 a.m. (Philippines)



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**Belinda A. Aquino** received her B.A. in English from the UP Diliman and her M.A. in Political Science and Public Administration from UH Manoa. She was an East West Center grantee in the early 1960s before going back to teach in the Philippines. While teaching at UP, she was offered a grant to further her studies at Cornell University, where she received her PhD in Political Science. When Martial Law was declared in 1972, she found out that she was on the regime's "black list", her passport revoked, her student visa expired and unable to return home, stranded in Hawaii. While in Hawaii in the 1970s, she was offered to complete a feasibility study on the creation of a Center for Philippine Studies at UH which was established a few years later with Dr. Aquino as its director. In 1989 to 1991, she served as UP's vice president for public affairs and returned to CPS in 1991 as its director until her retirement in 2010.



**Sherry Broder** serves as a mediator, arbitrator and hearings officer for government agencies, Hawaii Supreme Court, and private parties. She was the first woman president of the Hawaii State Bar Association and is President Elect of the Federal Bar Association for the District of Hawai'i. She graduated in 1970 from Wellesley College as a Wellesley Scholar and in 1975 from U.C. Berkeley Law School with highest honors. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Jon Van Dyke Institute of International Law and Justice which has sponsored symposium, workshops and publications on International Ocean Law, International Environmental Law, Human Rights and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She is an Adjunct Research Fellow at the East-West Center. Ms. Broder served as class liaison counsel for the 9,500 victims of torture during the dictatorship of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and with the team won a \$2 billion verdict, believed to be one of the largest personal injury verdicts in U.S. history. This case has been presented as a case study and cited in many textbooks on International Law