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LEGAL COLLECTION
1. Primary or prescribed information - SOURCES OF LAW
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PHILIPPINE LEGAL SYSTEM

UNIQUE BLEND of:

1. CIVIL LAW (Roman) - Spain
2. COMMON LAW (Anglo-American) – United States
3. MUSLIM (Islamic) LAW and
4. INDIGENEOUS LAW
SOURCES OF LAW
1900- Present

1. Statutes or statutory law
2. Jurisprudence or case law
   a. Presidential Electoral Tribunal
   b. Senate Electoral Tribunal
   c. House of Representatives

Electoral Tribunal decisions

REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL AMENDED OR APPEALED
1. STATUTES OR LAWS

A. Constitution
   - Malolos Constitution (1898)
   - 1935 Constitution
   - 1943 Japanese (only during the Japanese occupation)
   - 1973 Constitution
   - Freedom Constitution (Transitory 1986)
   - 1987 Constitution
B. Legislative enactments passed by Congress:

4,275 ACTS - Enactments from 1900-1935
   Act No. 3815 Revised Penal Code (1930)
733 Commonwealth Acts - from 1935-1945
2034 Presidential Decrees - from 1972-1985
884 Batas Pambansa. – from 1979-1985
   Batas Blg. 22 – Bouncing checks law (1979)
110 Executive Order - Enactment from 1985-1986

TOTAL 18,167
2. JURISPRUDENCE

A. SUPREME COURT

- DECISIONS/ RESOLUTIONS signed by the Honorable Justices
- MINUTE RESOLUTIONS signed by the Clerks of Court En Banc & 3 Divisions

B. APPELLATE COURTS

1. COURT OF APPEALS – Manila (Luzon), Cebu (Visayas) and Cagayan de Oro (Mindanao)
2. Court of Tax Appeals
3. Sandiganbayan
JUDICIARY - http://www.judiciary.gov.ph
Supreme Court of the Philippines

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THE HIERARCHY OF COURTS IN THE PHILIPPINES
(Relationships between and among the courts in terms of jurisdiction)

SUPREME COURT

COMELEC/COA

SANDIGANBAYAN

COURT OF APPEALS

COURT OF TAX APPEALS

Quasi-Judicial Agencies

REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS (RTC)
SHARI'A DISTRICT COURTS

Metropolitan Trial Courts (MeTCs)
Municipal Trial Courts (MTCs)
Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCCs)
Municipal Circuit Trial Courts (MC TCs)
Shari'a Circuit Courts

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First Level Courts
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  - Presidential Decree No. 1440, creating the Garment and Textile Export Board (GETEB) defining its powers and functions providing funds therefor and for other purposes...
  - Presidential Decree No. 1441, a decree returning the seat of Government of St. Teresa, Pampanga to the Province of San Fernando...
  - Presidential Decree No. 1442, an act to promote the exploration and development of Geothermal Resources...
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  - Rosario Villar, complainant, vs. Hon. Aquino Jr., Municipal Judge, Pangasinan, respondent...

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**MANILA, PHILIPPINES, OCTOBER 30, 1975**

No. 44
The President’s Day

Archives

Featured Content

Statement of President Aquino upon arrival from Vietnam

No less than two hours after President Aquino, en route to Vietnam, early this morning, stepped off the aircraft, he stepped on the presidential stage and greeted the assembled audience.

Statement of President Aquino before departure for Vietnam and the 19th ASEAN Summit

Today, I am off for Vietnam for my first state visit abroad and the 19th ASEAN Summit. I thank the government of Vietnam for its warm hospitality and the cordial welcome that the Vietnamese people have given to our fellow Filipinos. I also thank my Vietnamese hosts for making this trip a success.

Philippine Delegation to the 19th ASEAN Summit and the 19th ASEAN Summit, October 8–9, 2016


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Profile of The Government Peace Negotiating Panel for Talks with the CPP/NPA/NC

Acerica prepared by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process

Statement of President Aquino in SuperAgri Expo, June 10, 2017

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Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Fourteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand nine.

[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10141]

AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. CATALINA – PAMPLONA – TANJAY CITY PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Sta. Catalina – Pamplona – Tanjay City Provincial Road in the Province of Negros Oriental is hereby converted into a national road.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

[Signature]
Prospero C. Nogales
President of the Senate
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 3, 2010 and February 1, 2010, respectively.

[Signature]
Emma Lirio-Meroy
Secretary of the Senate

[Signature]
Marilyn B. Barua-Lap
Secretary General
House of Representatives

Approved: JUN 03 2010

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
President of the Philippines
decision

velasco, jr., j.:

in this petition for certiorari and prohibition under rule 65, dennis a. b. funa challenges the constitutionality of the appointment of reynaldo a. villar as chairman of the commission on audit and accordingly prays that a judgment issue “declaring the unconstitutionality” of the appointment.

the facts of the case are as follows:
The Supreme Court E-Library

The Decisions of the Supreme Court from 1901 to present are now included in the E-Library. All Laws - Acts, Commonwealth Acts, Presidential Decrees, Batas Pambansa and Republic Acts from 1901 to present are also included.

New Decisions & Resolutions

G.R. No. 185829

ARMANDO ALILING, PETITIONER, VS. JOSE B. FELICIANO, MANUEL F. SAN MATEO III, JOSEPH R. LARIOSA, AND WIDE WIDE WORLD EXPRESS CORPORATION, RESPONDENTS.

April 25, 2012
Albums

Lexis Philippines Launch
March 9, 2012

(L-R) Atty. Lou D. Sitaoa, Dir. Mila Ong of the Supreme Court Library, Atty. Charadine Bandon of the ITAD of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Mr. Bart Sjoerdema of LexisNexis
Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Foreign Affairs

OUTPUT - Traditional Book index and CD of the Full Text of Treaties (Searchable)
Memorandum of Agreement with the University of the Philippines College of Law thru the Dean National Administrative Register - ACCESS to SC E- Library
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(From left) Supreme Court (SC) Chief Librarian Milagros S. Ong, Acting Chief Justice Antonio T. Carpio, Presidential Communication Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO) Secretary Ramon A. Carandang and PCDSPO Undersecretary Manuel L. Quezon III pose for posterity after signing this morning, July 20, 2012 the Memorandum of Agreement on the Development of an Electronic Database for

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Undersecretary Manuel Quezon III, Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning

Digitization ALL EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENTIAL ISSUANCES IN THE Office of the President - ACCESS to SC E-library
History of the Senate

The legislature in any society performs the important function of deliberating policies for the people and passing them in the form of statutes. Although the Philippine Legislature was organized only in 1916, it had deep roots in the past.

Long before the Spanish rulers came to the Philippines, the people in their barangays were already governed by a set of rules by their chief. Over the long span of Spanish and American rule, various forms of legislative structures were set up to perpetuate the colonial rulers’ desire to rule the country.

IN THE PEOPLE'S TRUST

Speech delivered by Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile during the adjournment sine die of the 2nd Regular Session of the 15th Congress
6 June 2012

To my countrymen, distinguished colleagues in the Senate, ladies and gentlemen. Today, I have the honor and the distinct pleasure of addressing a nation that is energized by the spirit of unity, democracy and heightened political responsibility.
WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15th Congress of the Philippines

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G.R. NO. 170071
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**G.R. NO. 178477**

HEIRS OF RAMON B. GAYARES, REPRESENTED BY EMELINDA GAYARES AND RHYAN GAYARES IN THEIR CAPACITY AS LEGAL HEIRS OF THE LATE RAMON GAYARES, PETITIONERS, VS. PACIFIC ASIA OVERSEAS SHIPPING CORPORATION, AND KUWAIT OIL TANKER, CO., S.A.K., RESPONDENTS.

G.R. NO. 178477
July 16, 2012

**G.R. NO. 198588**

UNITED MERCHANTS CORPORATION, PETITIONER, VS. COUNTRY BANKERS INSURANCE CORPORATION, RESPONDENT.

G.R. NO. 198588
July 11, 2012
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