

# The Process of Impeachment and its Applicability in the Philippine Legal System

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Included in the Constitution are provisions regarding impeachment of public officials. The highest law of the land furthermore provides for the process by which impeachment can be effected and the grounds for such action to arise. However, it is interesting to note that despite the existence of such provisions, no single impeachment complaint resulted in the actual removal of a public official from office.

Hence, the Author deems it necessary to look into the laws governing impeachment. In this Comment, he provides for a general overview on the process of impeachment, starting with its origin and history. Subsequently, the grounds for impeachment are discussed, which includes an analysis of the nature of the proceedings. The role of the judiciary, especially the Supreme Court, is next examined. In the end, the Author disagrees with the existing system of granting the legislature the power to commence impeachment proceedings.