Service of Summons on Private Domestic Corporations

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A proper service of summons is, as provided in the law, a means by which a court acquires jurisdiction over a juridical entity, such as a domestic corporation. Questions, however, arise as regards the proper manner of serving such summons. This Article provides for the rules on the matter as espoused by the Supreme Court.

The Author first presents the relevant law, which is Section 13, Rule 14 of the Rules of Court. He then examines past rulings, followed by the contemporary rulings on the matter. He concludes with a possible explanation for the trend in the aforementioned rulings, which is to give the rule, as much as possible, a pragmatic effect.