

A Manual for Filipino Notaries

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This Note provides notaries public with an informative, practical, and analytic overview of the responsibilities of the notaries under Philippine law, as well as the consequences of their failure to comply with their legal duties. The Note gives a brief history of the office of notaries public; a compilation of the most important provisions of law applicable to notaries public as supplemented by Supreme Court circulars and decisions; and an analysis of the numerous provisions of law and cases involving the discipline of notaries public. By studying the Philippine Notarial Law and paying particular attention to the liabilities to which a Filipino notary public is subject under Philippine law, the Author emphasizes that often, the importance of an office is too often disparaged.