

## An Alternative Legal Framework for Miranda Rights

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This Article examines the United States (U.S.) case of *Miranda v. Arizona* and its far-reaching effects on the Philippine Legal System. The doctrine emanating from that case is commonly known as the Miranda Rights Doctrine. The Author begins by studying exactly what rights are included when one speaks of the “Miranda Rights.” The Author then addresses the point at which the Miranda Rights are available to an accused and why such rights are available at all.

The Article also deals with the applicability of the Miranda doctrine to scenarios which the U.S. decision simply could not fathom: such as the distinctly-Filipino Barangay Conciliation Proceedings. The Author also recognizes that the Miranda doctrine has resulted in the acquittal of alleged rapists and other unworthy characters but maintains that the need to ensure a sound adherence to procedural law should not be overlooked. The Article ends by suggesting an alternative legal foundation for the Miranda rights and the positive repercussions such re-examination may have on the Philippine legal system.