

The Responsibilities of Press Freedom

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This is a speech conveyed by Justice Andres R. Narvasa during the Launching Ceremonies of the officers of the Association of Law Journal Editors of the Philippines (ALJEP) at the Ateneo Professional Schools on 17 February 1985.

It focuses on the responsibilities of the members of the aforementioned organization. On it, Justice Narvasa provides for a brief history regarding his experiences in reviving a law journal in his university. He then presents the issues common to any law journal association, and the range of possibilities that its members have. Subsequently, he discusses the exercise of the freedom of the press, highlighting not only its powers but also the responsibilities that come with having such a privilege. He then expounds on the responsibilities of editors towards the reading public, which lead him to enumerate guidelines in their performance, namely, respect for public trust, maintenance of honesty and accuracy, and upholding absence of bias and pre-commitment.