

# The Plague of Plagiarism within the Legal Profession and Academe

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The Article begins by giving a very brief overview of what plagiarism is, and its role in the local context, particularly, in the academe and in the legal profession. It then proceeds by focusing on the accusations of plagiarism in the Supreme Court and the legal academe. This is done by examining the Court's decision in *In the Matter of the Charges of Plagiarism, Etc., Against Associate Justice Mariano C. del Castillo* (A.M. No. 10-7-17-SC, Oct. 12, 2010), including the dissent by Justice Sereno, and the new accusations that spring from this case. The Author then proceeds by tackling the issue of plagiarism in the larger context — its history, definition, effects, and its status vis-à-vis copyright infringement, ghostwriting, and computer research.

The Article continues by discussing student plagiarism, plagiarism in the legal profession, and the role of intent as its inherent element. The Author also delves into local jurisprudence regarding plagiarism. This is done by examining a string of cases on the matter, and by looking into the effects of the Court's decisions in the landscape of judicial plagiarism in the country.