

*Schmaltz Anew: Pinoy-Style Community-Based Limited Partnership as a Socio-Legal Technique for Agricultural Development*

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The Author explores the potential of the limited partnership as governed by the Civil Code and relevant laws as a socio-legal technique for agricultural development. He first paints a picture of the rural landscape, lamenting “lots of land, but no currency.” It is generally ruled by poverty and low-income livelihood by the people living outside the metropolitan areas.

Through the use of community-based limited partnership, the Author sees the potential of the law as social technique: empowering the rural class through private-arrangement. The majority of family farms and small-scale gardens pervasive in the rural setting can launch the limited partnership as a business organization.

Of course, this type of business organization would have a distinctly Filipino character as characterized by grassroots, pro-poor business organization, simple formalities, barangay-assisted execution of contracts, flexible stipulations, and simplified local government-based registration, with the local government unit as one of the stakeholders.