

The Liability of Teachers in Academic Institutions

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The Note aims to answer whether or not teachers are liable, by virtue of Article 2180 of Republic Act No. 386 or “An Act to Ordain and Institute the Civil Code of the Philippines” (Civil Code), for acts and omissions committed by their students during class hours and those committed not during class hours but within the perimeter of the school grounds.

In answering the same, the Note refers to the cases of *Esconde v. Capuno*, *Mercado v. CA*, *Pasiloc v. Brillantes*, *Cuadra v. Monfort*. The Note also provides for a discussion of the concepts of culpa in vigilando and in loco parentis.

After discussing the doctrines laid down in the cases mentioned, the Author finds that Philippine case law is still unclear when it comes to the liability of teachers in academic institution.