

The Curse of the Legal Profession

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The Note is a discussion on the collection of collection fees of lawyers. It cites the Canons of Legal Ethics by providing that the legal profession is a branch of justice administration and not a mere money-making business. It also takes note that this principle notwithstanding, some lawyers are using the profession to earn millions of pesos. In discussing its main thesis, the Note gives citation to the Rules of Court and Canons of Legal Ethics as laws that recognize that collection fees may be charged by the lawyer against his client and as laws that mandates lawyers to refrain from entering into controversies with their clients just because of compensation.