

# The State of Administration of Justice in the Philippines from the Viewpoint of the Bar

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The task of administering justice has been viewed as given to the judicial department of the government. Such is a very sensitive task, requiring utmost honesty and a drive to resolve cases with swiftness. A look back to the fifties up to the sixties will lead one to think about the golden years for practicing lawyers, because of the existence of competent as well as honest judges who are remembered even up to the present. Today's lawyers and judges, however, have been characterized as a group who has failed to live up to the ideals of its forerunners. Some get involved in issues regarding which tend to question their very honesty, while some forget the primary objective of administering justice.

It is in light of this unfortunate setting that this Address is delivered. Primarily, the question to be asked relates to the cause of such a state of the Judiciary. Economic as well as other reasons are given, yet these are insufficient to explain the deterioration of the general judicial atmosphere.

In the end, the Author relies on those who still maintain the ideals of fairness and honesty in order to revive the glory days of administering justice.