

The Writ of *Amparo*: A Remedy to Enforce Fundamental Rights

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The writ of *amparo* originated in Mexico. As a remedy to enforce human rights, it has been raised to the international level by its inclusion in the Inter-American Declaration of Human Rights. Moreover, the *amparo* is now found in a multilateral instrument of universal application in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Part II of the Article provides for the different forms of *amparo*. Part III tackles provision of *amparo* in modern constitutions while Part IV tackles the constitutional basis of the writ in the Philippines. According to the Author this basis is provided for in Section 5 (5) of Article VIII of the Philippine Constitution, which empowers the Supreme Court to “promulgate rules concerning the protection and enforcement of constitutional rights.”