

A Case Without Parallel and Precedent

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The Speech discusses the ravaging effects of the Marcos dictatorship on the independence of the judiciary and the erosion of the Rule of Law. The Author discusses the farce that was the Aquino-Galman murder cases under the former regime and the current Court's efforts to reverse it. Having shaken off the yoke of martial law, it is necessary to focus on restoring the public's trust and confidence in the courts and to re-consecrate the supremacy of the Rule of Law. Law journals play a significant role in this endeavor "by helping to instill in every citizen ... the strongest possible thirst for right and justice."