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17. Jurisdiction in respect of causes of action

(1) Subject to section 30, a Regional Magistrate, a Chief Magistrate, a Principal Magistrate and a Senior Magistrate shall have jurisdiction in all civil claims where the total amount claimed either in the way of liquidated or unliquidated damages, or the value of the property claimed, does not exceed-

- (a) P40,000, in the case of a Regional Magistrate and a Chief Magistrate;
- (b) P30,000, in the case of a Principal Magistrate; and
- (c) P20,000 in the case of a Senior Magistrate.

(2) Subject to section 30, a Regional Magistrate, a Chief Magistrate, a Principal Magistrate and a Senior Magistrate shall have jurisdiction in all actions of ejectment against the occupier of any premises or land where the right of occupation of any such premises or land in dispute between the parties does not exceed, in value to the occupier-

- (a) P40,000, in the case of a Regional Magistrate and a Chief Magistrate;
- (b) P30,000 in the case of a Principal Magistrate; and
- (c) P20,000 in the case of a Senior Magistrate.

(3) Subject to section 30, a Magistrate Grade I, a Magistrate Grade II and a Magistrate Grade III shall have jurisdiction in all civil claims where the total amount claimed either in the way of liquidated or unliquidated damages or the value of property claimed does not exceed-

- (a) P15,000, in the case of a Magistrate Grade I; and
- (b) P10,000 in the case of a Magistrate Grade II and a Magistrate Grade III.