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#### Presumption of innocence

# **Republic of the Philippines**

## Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines 1987

ARTICLE III BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 14. (1) No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense without due process of law.

(2) In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall be presumed innocent until the contrary is proved, and shall enjoy the right to be heard by himself and counsel, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation against him, to have a speedy, impartial, and public trial, to meet the witnesses face to face, and to have compulsory process to secure the attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence in his behalf. However, after arraignment, trial may proceed notwithstanding the absence of the accused: Provided, that he has been duly notified and his failure to appear is unjustifiable.

### **Rome Statute**

#### Article 66 Presumption of innocence

- 1. Everyone shall be presumed innocent until proved guilty before the Court in accordance with the applicable law.
- 2. The onus is on the Prosecutor to prove the guilt of the accused.
- 3. In order to convict the accused, the Court must be convinced of the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt.

