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**Abstract**

This keynote speech highlights challenges in the administration of justice in a multilingual setting, as evidenced by several cases that have reached the Supreme Court of the Philippines. It also examines the prospects for standardizing courtroom language against this context of diversity, and in consideration of access, fairness, and inclusion; discusses several illustrative initiatives in the Philippine judiciary, particularly given advancements in technology, such as the Court's ongoing program for judicial reform through innovation; and previews possible emerging issues at the intersections of these subjects.