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Social and economic development in Thailand has been rapidly progressed since 1975. Therefore, it has been very essential for people concerning in business or any inter-personal relationship to have their documents or contracts attested to clarify their status, authority, duty, right and responsibility to conduct such business with completion, convenience and rapidity. In many foreign countries, there are professionals to attest such writings for general public. They are called "Notaries Public". A notary public is a person, usually a lawyer, who is legally empowered to witness the signing of documents in order to make them legally valid. It is the time-honored and long-established profession. Presently, this profession has not yet been legalized in Thailand, though there have been some lawyers who provide such service to general public. This situation makes the profession unsystematic and under no proper control.

This thesis aimed to study problems and necessities whether this profession should be established in Thailand. Guidelines in establishing the notary public system were also studied by comparing the concerned laws and experiences in some foreign countries, for example, the United Kingdom, the People's Republic of China, Japan and the United States in order to recommend and legislate the suitable pattern of notary public law in Thai society. This study is to make suggestion in some aspects, for example, the organization of control agency, qualifications and selection of personnel, training as well as responsibility and liability of notary public in order to have the law properly enforced in Thailand in accordance with the country's present culture, society, economics and everyday life.

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