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The basic purpose of any government has always been that of ensuring a harmonious life among its citizen. In the Philippines, the courts had been used as instruments in the administration of justice such that peace and order may prevail. The prime concern of the study is to look into the administration of justice of the Barangay Justice System in Barangay Aldana, and the concept of justice was also hoped to be achieved. Guide by open-ended questionnaires, the researchers interviewed the Barangay Captain and the Lupon members regarding the procedures of the Barangay Justice System, and twenty disputants in order to get the perception of the administration of Justice in the Barangay Judicial System. The researchers found out that the top five cases are slightly physical injury, ejection, debt, light threat and slight slander. 90.2% of the cases were settled amicably through mediation. In general, the settlement of the cases has been perceived as just and beneficial by majority of the Barangay members. The researchers concluded that the concept of justice of members of Barangay Aldana depends upon whether there is money involved and the time it took a case to be settled. The cases which are not covered by the system were also found to be settled. The researchers concluded that members obey the advice of the Barangay Captain and the Lupon members not only because of their position but also of their age and being worthy of trust and confidence.

