The paper analyzes the Guatemalan system of constitutional control by the courts, especially the Guatemalan Constitutional Court, the concrete procedure of control by petition of a party, and the ex-officio procedure initiated by the Court itself. Next, the effects of the Courts decisions are examined, and the current state of affairs criticized. Finally, possible venues for improvement are discussed.

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