

JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS

HIGH COUNCIL OF JUSTICE (HCJ)

Constitutional body consisting of 21 members (10 judges elected by Congress of Judges with the President, Parliament, Congress of Advocates, conference of prosecutors and conference of the higher legal education institutions appointing two members each, Chief Justice is *ex officio* member).

Key functions include:

- Submits recommendations for appointing judges to President;
- Disciplines judges and prosecutors;
- Transfers and dismiss judges;
- Lifts judicial immunity;
- Appoints HQC members;
- Suspends judges from the bench;
- Oversees budget for the judiciary.

Selection Commission

Consists of 6 members (3 PCIE international experts, 3 COJ members)

- Conducts competitive selection of HQC members

Integrity and Ethics Commission

Consists of 6 members (3 PCIE international experts, 3 HCJ members)

- Conducts integrity and ethics vetting of HQC members and HCJ nominees and members
- Conducts disciplinary procedures regarding Supreme Court justices

CONGRESS OF JUDGES

Highest representative body of judicial self-governance. Congress is conducted once every two years. Decisions are mandatory for all judges and courts.

Key functions include:

- Elects members of the Council of Judges;
- Elects six judges of the Constitutional Court;
- Elects and dismisses ten members of the High Council of Justice;

STATE JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION (SJA)

Judicial administration agency overseen by the High Council of Justice. SJA chair is appointed by the HCJ. Provides budget management and organizational support for the courts and judicial institutions to ensure daily operations.

COUNCIL OF JUDGES

Consists of 33 members-judges of all levels courts. Acts in lieu of the Congress of Judges during two-year period between Congresses.

HIGH QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION OF JUDGES (HQC)

Consists of 12 members appointed by HCJ, based on the competitive selection conducted by the Selection Commission. Key functions include:

- Conducts competitive selections to fill judicial vacancies;
- Submits recommendations for appointing or transferring judges to the HCJ;
- Conducts qualifications evaluation of judges.

PUBLIC COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS

Conducts integrity checks of candidate judges for the High Anti-Corruption Court.

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF JUDGES

- Conducts initial training of judicial candidates;
- Conducts ongoing trainings for judges and the court staff;
- Conducts research to support operations of the HCJ and HQC.

PUBLIC INTEGRITY COUNCIL

Conducts integrity checks of judges and candidates.

SJA TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENTS

Represents SJA in the regions and supports accounting and procurement procedures of courts. Appoints and dismisses chiefs of staff and their deputies in local courts. Decisions are subject to approval by chief judge of the respective court.