

XXX. THE JUDICIARY

A. SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE LOWER COURTS

For general administration and support, support to operations, and operations, including the requirements of the Judicial Reform Program and locally-funded project(s), as indicated hereunder.....P30,687,328,000
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New Appropriations, by Program
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PROGRAMS	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Administration and Support	P 7,879,347,000	P 1,928,371,000	P 1,472,109,000	P11,279,827,000
Support to Operations	130,051,000	226,875,000	1,347,210,000	1,704,136,000
Operations	14,848,198,000	2,855,167,000		17,703,365,000
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	14,848,198,000	2,855,167,000		17,703,365,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P22,857,596,000	P 5,010,413,000	P 2,819,319,000	P30,687,328,000

Special Provision(s)

1. Judiciary Development Fund. In addition to the amounts appropriated herein, all income derived from increase in the legal fees prescribed in the amendments to Rule 141 of the Rules of Court promulgated by the Supreme Court of the Philippines after July 18, 1984, constituted into the Judiciary Development Fund (JDF), shall be used to augment the allowances of the members and personnel of the Judiciary and finance the acquisition, maintenance and repair of office equipment and facilities in accordance with Sections 1 and 3 of P.D. No. 1949. At least eighty percent (80%) of said amount shall be used for the payment of cost of living allowances and not more than twenty percent (20%) for the purchase of office equipment and facilities of the courts.

The COA shall audit the receipts, revenues, uses, disbursements and expenditures of the JDF every quarter and submit the appropriate report in writing to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals and all Executive Judges.

Likewise, the Supreme Court shall submit its quarterly reports on its income and expenditures with electronic signature to the DBM, through the Unified Reporting System, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, by posting said reports on Supreme Court website for a period of three (3) years. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall send written notice to the said offices when said reports have been posted on its website which shall be considered the date of submission.

2. Special Allowance of Justices and Judges. Considering that the special allowance of Justices, Judges and all other positions in the Judiciary with equivalent rank of Justices of the Court of Appeals and Judges of the Regional Trial Court under R.A. No. 9227 have already been fully integrated into their salary increases as of June 1, 2012, the amount of Five Hundred Sixty Nine Million Four Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Pesos (P569,467,000) corresponding to the Special Allowance for the Judiciary component of their salaries shall be deposited with the National Treasury as income of the General Fund pursuant to Section 44, Chapter 5, Book VI of E.O. No. 292, s. 1987. Once deposited, the salary being received by the members of the Judiciary shall be sourced and funded from the General Fund.

3. Administration of Appropriations. The appropriations provided herein for the Supreme Court of the Philippines and the Lower Courts shall be administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, subject to the provisions of P.D. No. 985, as amended, E.O. No. 292 and other budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. Organizational Structure. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and within the limits of appropriations in this Act, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is hereby authorized to:

- (a) formulate and implement the Judiciary's organizational structure;
- (b) fix and determine the salaries, allowances and other benefits of Judiciary personnel in accordance with the rates and levels authorized under R.A. No. 6758, as amended, and R.A. No. 6686, as amended; and
- (c) create new positions; transfer an item or make other adjustments in the Personnel Services itemization, whenever public interest so requires.

Implementation of the foregoing shall be subject to: (i) compliance with organization, staffing and position classification and compensation standards; (ii) scrap and build policy; and (iii) submission to DBM of a resolution stating the changes in the organization and staffing in accordance with the foregoing standards and policy for proper documentation.

The officials and employees whose positions are affected by a reorganization shall be granted retirement benefits or separation pay in accordance with existing laws, which shall be payable from any unexpended balance of, or savings in the appropriations of the Judiciary.

5. Use of Savings. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is authorized to use savings to augment actual deficiencies in accordance with Section 25 (5), Article VI of the Constitution and the General Provisions of this Act.

6. Non-Recurring Expenses. All non-recurring items of appropriations authorized herein such as, but not limited to, foreign-assisted projects and locally-funded projects, shall not form part of the Judiciary's appropriations that may not be reduced by Congress under Section 3, Article VIII of the Constitution. The Supreme Court en banc, through a resolution, shall affirm the items of appropriation in the Judiciary's budget that are non-recurring, as defined above, and which shall not be considered in the total appropriations that may not be reduced.

7. Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses of Lower Courts. The amount of Two Billion Five Hundred Ten Million Two Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Pesos (P2,510,287,000) appropriated herein for the MOOE of the lower courts shall be equitably allocated to all lower courts by the Supreme Court.

To facilitate the utilization of said MOOE allocation and ensure that the requirements of lower courts are readily available and provided, the Procurement Service (PS), through its Regional Depots shall provide an easy access facility for lower courts to source all their MOOE requirements from the PS. (CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Veto Message, December 19, 2017, Volume I-B, page 648, R.A. No. 10964)

8. Expenses for Official Travel. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may authorize the reimbursement of actual and reasonable expenses incurred during official travel in carrying out the supervisory functions of the Supreme Court over the lower courts, subject to the limits prescribed under E.O. No. 298, s. 2004 and duly supported by receipts pursuant to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

9. Payment of Adjusted Pension. The amounts appropriated herein for payment of pensions to retired Justices and Judges shall be adjusted at the rates authorized under Section 3-A of R.A. No. 910, as amended, and implemented by SC A.M. No. 91-8-225-C.A.

10. Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for Court Automation. The amount of Three Hundred Seventy Two Million One Hundred Ten Thousand Pesos (P372,110,000) appropriated for the Enterprise Information Systems Plan (EISP) shall be used by the Supreme Court to comply with its obligations under any PPP project for court automation, which may be approved in accordance with R.A. No. 6957, as amended. Any balance of the amounts appropriated herein shall only be utilized for projects that support or relate to other projects under the Judiciary's court automation project.

11. Appropriations for Programs and Specific Activities. The amounts appropriated herein for the programs of the agency shall be used specifically for the following activities in the indicated amounts and conditions:

New Appropriations, by Program/Activities/Projects

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	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
PROGRAMS				
General Administration and Support				
General Management and Supervision	P 345,134,000	P 1,578,202,000	P 1,472,109,000	P 3,395,445,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	7,223,582,000			7,223,582,000
Supervision of Lower Courts	310,631,000	350,169,000		660,800,000
Sub Total, General Administration and Support	P 7,879,347,000	P 1,928,371,000	P 1,472,109,000	P11,279,827,000
Support to Operations				
Judicial Bar Council	32,769,000	27,554,000		60,323,000

Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	88,486,000	90,638,000	179,124,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	8,796,000	6,673,000	15,469,000
Project(s)			
Locally-Funded Project(s)		102,010,000	1,197,210,000
Subsidy to Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)		30,000,000	30,000,000
Enterprise Information Systems Plan (EISP)		72,010,000	300,100,000
Construction/Completion/and /or Repair/Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice nationwide (JUSIP), including P100,000,000.00 for the Hall of Justice in San Juan, Metro Manila and P50,000,000.00 in Tarlac City			1,047,110,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations	130,051,000	226,875,000	1,347,210,000
Operations			
Independent, Effective and Efficient Administration of Justice	14,848,198,000	2,855,167,000	17,703,365,000
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	14,848,198,000	2,855,167,000	17,703,365,000
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	8,341,105,000	1,240,097,000	9,581,202,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	709,401,000	140,975,000	850,376,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	1,501,859,000	291,275,000	1,793,134,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	1,913,316,000	413,418,000	2,326,734,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	1,520,740,000	317,600,000	1,838,340,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	22,604,000	10,775,000	33,379,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	121,841,000	25,544,000	147,385,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases		70,603,000	70,603,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	717,332,000	344,880,000	1,062,212,000
Sub-total, Operations	14,848,198,000	2,855,167,000	17,703,365,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P22,857,596,000	P 5,010,413,000	P 2,819,319,000
New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures			P30,687,328,000
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(In Thousand Pesos)			
Current Operating Expenditures			
Personnel Services			
Civilian Personnel			
Permanent Positions			

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2018

Basic Salary	8,987,738
Total Permanent Positions	8,987,738
Other Compensation Common to All	
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	603,684
Representation Allowance	274,830
Transportation Allowance	274,668
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	125,770
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	748,976
Year End Bonus	748,976
Cash Gift	125,770
Step Increment	22,471
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	125,770
Total Other Compensation Common to All	3,050,915
Other Compensation for Specific Groups	
Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	2,731
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	3,747
Longevity Pay	183,782
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	6,501,653
Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	6,691,913
Other Benefits	
PAG-IBIG Contributions	30,187
PhilHealth Contributions	74,516
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	30,186
Retirement Gratuity	400,605
Terminal Leave	321,324
Total Other Benefits	856,818
Non-Permanent Positions	27,083
Other Personnel Benefits	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	3,243,129
Total Other Personnel Benefits	3,243,129
Total Personal Services	22,857,596
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	260,666
Training and Scholarship Expenses	198,320
Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,808,427
Utility Expenses	396,853
Communication Expenses	310,522
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	307,824
Professional Services	267,415

Repairs and Maintenance	304,788
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	60,002
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	83,330
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	11,718
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,126
Representation Expenses	50,361
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	92,656
Rent/Lease Expenses	235,352
Subscription Expenses	2,129
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	618,924

Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	5,010,413

TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES	27,868,009

Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Land Improvements Outlay	2,000
Buildings and Other Structures	2,513,719
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	300,100
Furniture, Fixtures and Book Outlay	1,000
Transportation Equipment Outlay	1,500
Intangible Assets Outlay	1,000

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS	2,819,319

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	30,687,328
