

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.....P33,488,744,000
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New Appropriations, by Program
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PROGRAMS	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
General Administration and Support	P 9,539,885,000	P 1,980,242,000	P 344,053,000	P11,864,180,000
Support to Operations	145,609,000	257,726,000	1,896,750,000	2,300,085,000
Operations	16,401,415,000	2,923,064,000		19,324,479,000
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	16,401,415,000	2,923,064,000		19,324,479,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P26,086,909,000	P 5,161,032,000	P 2,240,803,000	P33,488,744,000

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.

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 Ninety Million One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Pesos (P590,137,000) 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 as Head of the Judiciary and as Chairperson of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal is hereby authorized to:

- (a) formulate and implement the organizational structure of the Judiciary and the Presidential Electoral Tribunal;
- (b) fix and determine the salaries, allowances and other benefits of personnel of the Judiciary and the Presidential Electoral Tribunal 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 and the Presidential Electoral Tribunal

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 Sixty Nine Million Six Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Pesos (P2,569,623,000) appropriated herein for the MOOE of the lower courts shall be equitably allocated by the Supreme Court to all lower courts based on the standards prescribed for 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.

The Court's web administrator or his/her equivalent shall be responsible for ensuring that the utilization of funds allocated for each lower court is posted on the Supreme Court website.

(CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Veto Message, April 15, 2019, Volume I-B, page 963, R.A. No. 11260)

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 One Hundred Forty Six Million Five Hundred Fourteen Thousand Pesos (P146,514,000) appropriated for the Enterprise Information Systems Plan shall be used by the Supreme Court to comply with its obligations under any Public-Private Partnership 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. Reporting and Posting Requirements. The Supreme Court shall submit quarterly reports on its financial and physical accomplishments, within thirty (30) days after the end of every quarter, through the following:

- (a) Unified Reporting System (URS) or other electronic means for reports not covered by the URS; and
- (b) Supreme Court's website

The Supreme Court shall send written notice when said reports have been submitted or posted on its website to the DBM, House of Representatives, Senate of the Philippines, House Committee on Appropriations, Senate Committee on Finance, and other offices where the submission of reports is required under existing laws, rules and regulations. The date of notice to said agencies shall be considered the date of compliance with this requirement.

12. Appropriations for Activities or Projects. The amounts appropriated herein shall be used specifically for the following activities or projects in the indicated amounts and conditions:

New Appropriations, by Program
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Current Operating Expenditures

	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
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PROGRAMS

General Administration and Support

General Management and Supervision	P 478,461,000	P 1,627,035,000	P 344,053,000	P 2,449,549,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	8,718,381,000			8,718,381,000

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Supervision of Lower Courts	343,043,000	353,207,000	696,250,000
Sub Total, General Administration and Support	P 9,539,885,000	P 1,980,242,000	P 344,053,000 P11,864,180,000
Support to Operations			
Judicial Bar Council	37,679,000	28,161,000	65,840,000
Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	98,420,000	92,810,000	191,230,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	9,510,000	6,755,000	16,265,000
Project(s)			
Locally-funded Project(s)		130,000,000	1,896,750,000 2,026,750,000
Subsidy to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)		100,000,000	100,000,000
Enterprise Information Systems Plan (EISP)		30,000,000	116,514,000 146,514,000
Construction/Completion/and/or Repair/Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice Nationwide (JUSIP)			1,780,236,000 1,780,236,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations	145,609,000	257,726,000	1,896,750,000 2,300,085,000
Operations			
Independent, Effective and Efficient Administration of Justice	16,401,415,000	2,923,064,000	19,324,479,000
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	16,401,415,000	2,923,064,000	19,324,479,000
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	9,260,958,000	1,269,358,000	10,530,316,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	780,269,000	144,199,000	924,468,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	1,692,862,000	298,382,000	1,991,244,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	2,069,597,000	424,236,000	2,493,833,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	1,682,666,000	325,546,000	2,008,212,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	24,481,000	10,976,000	35,457,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	130,810,000	26,118,000	156,928,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases		70,808,000	70,808,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	759,772,000	353,441,000	1,113,213,000
Sub-total, Operations	16,401,415,000	2,923,064,000	19,324,479,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P26,086,909,000	P 5,161,032,000	P 2,240,803,000 P33,488,744,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

Permanent Positions

Basic Salary	9,916,491
Reclassification of Positions	100,000

Total Permanent Positions	10,016,491
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Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	599,340
Representation Allowance	276,486
Transportation Allowance	276,324
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	149,838
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	826,375
Year End Bonus	826,375
Cash Gift	124,865
Step Increment	24,789
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	124,865

Total Other Compensation Common to All	3,229,257
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Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	2,417
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	4,025
Longevity Pay	183,782
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	7,253,025

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	7,443,249
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Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions	29,969
PhilHealth Contributions	92,981
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	29,968
Retirement Gratuity	724,851
Loyalty Award - Civilian	2,245
Terminal Leave	740,505

Total Other Benefits	1,620,519
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Non-Permanent Positions	27,083
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Other Personnel Benefits

Pension, Civilian Personnel	3,750,310
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Total Other Personnel Benefits	3,750,310
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Total Personnel Services	26,086,909
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Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

Travelling Expenses	268,485
Training and Scholarship Expenses	209,270
Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,818,513
Utility Expenses	408,757
Communication Expenses	319,838
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	309,550
Professional Services	269,415
Repairs and Maintenance	313,929
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	130,002
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	83,330
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	12,069
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,160
Representation Expenses	51,872
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	95,437
Rent/Lease Expenses	235,352
Subscription Expenses	2,129
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	631,924
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	5,161,032
TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES	31,247,941
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Land Outlay	10,500
Land Improvements Outlay	1,030,236
Buildings and Other Structures	1,063,553
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	126,514
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	10,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS	2,240,803
TOTAL NEM APPROPRIATIONS	33,488,744