

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 projects(s), as indicated hereunder P34,995,818,000
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New Appropriations, by Program

		Current Operating Expenditures			
		Personnel	Maintenance	Capital	Total
		Services	and Other	Outlays	
			Operating		
			Expenses		
PROGRAMS					
1000000000000000	General Administration and Support	P 9,913,739,000	P 3,115,441,000	P 165,017,000	P 13,194,197,000
2000000000000000	Support to Operations	145,663,000	173,457,000	1,268,808,000	1,587,928,000
3000000000000000	Operations	17,202,937,000	3,010,756,000		20,213,693,000
	ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	17,202,937,000	3,010,756,000		20,213,693,000
	TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 27,262,339,000	P 6,299,654,000	P 1,433,825,000	P 34,995,818,000
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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, has already been fully integrated into their salaries as of June 1, 2012, the amount of Six Hundred Twenty One Million One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Pesos (P621,169,000) 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 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. (GENERAL OBSERVATION- President's Affirmation Message, January 6, 2020, Volume I-B, page 618, R.A. No. 11465)

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 Six Hundred Forty Six Million Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Pesos (P2,646,712,000) appropriated herein for the MOOE of the lower courts shall be equitably allocated by the Supreme Court based on the standards prescribed for the 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 Affirmation Message, January 6, 2020, Volume I-B, page 615, R.A. No. 11465)

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. 77, s. 2019 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. 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.

11. 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 Programs/Activities/Projects (Cash-Based)

		Current Operating Expenditures			
		Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
PROGRAMS					
10000000000000	General Administration and Support				
10000100001000	General Management and Supervision	P 1,012,896,000	P 2,751,638,000	P 165,017,000	P 3,929,551,000
10000100002000	Administration of Personnel Benefits	8,557,800,000			8,557,800,000

100000100003000	Supervision of Lower Courts	343,043,000	363,803,000	706,846,000
Sub-total, General Administration and Support		9,913,739,000	3,115,441,000	13,194,197,000
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200000000000000	Support to Operations			
200000100001000	Judicial Bar Council	37,733,000	29,006,000	66,739,000
200000100002000	Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	98,420,000	95,594,000	194,014,000
200000100003000	Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	9,510,000	6,957,000	16,467,000
Projects				
Locally-Funded Project(s)			41,900,000	1,268,808,000
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200000200001000	Subsidy to Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)		30,900,000	30,900,000
200000200003000	Construction/Completion/and /or Repair/Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice nationwide (JUSIP)			1,268,808,000
200000200004000	Justice Sector Convergence Program		11,000,000	11,000,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations		145,663,000	173,457,000	1,587,928,000
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300000000000000	Operations			
310000000000000	00 : Independent, Effective and Efficient Administration of Justice	17,202,937,000	3,010,756,000	20,213,693,000
310100000000000	ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	17,202,937,000	3,010,756,000	20,213,693,000
310100100001000	Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	9,442,863,000	1,307,438,000	10,750,301,000
310100100002000	Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	817,361,000	148,525,000	965,886,000
310100100003000	Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	1,711,739,000	307,334,000	2,019,073,000
310100100004000	Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	2,167,052,000	436,963,000	2,604,015,000
310100100005000	Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	1,854,072,000	335,313,000	2,189,385,000
310100100006000	Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	25,159,000	11,305,000	36,464,000
310100100007000	Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	125,621,000	26,901,000	152,522,000
310100100008000	Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases	176,788,000	72,933,000	249,721,000

310100100009000	Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	882,282,000	364,044,000	1,246,326,000
Sub-total, Operations		17,202,937,000	3,010,756,000	20,213,693,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS		P 27,262,339,000	P 6,299,654,000	P 34,995,818,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

Permanent Positions

Basic Salary	10,006,744
Creation of New Positions	88,737
Reclassification of Positions	471,294
Total Permanent Positions	10,566,775

Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	604,332
Representation Allowance	285,666
Transportation Allowance	273,984
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	151,086
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	841,290
Year End Bonus	841,291
Cash Gift	125,905
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	125,905
Step Increment	25,015
Total Other Compensation Common to All	3,274,474

Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	4,153
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	6,055
Hazard Pay	144,000
Longevity Pay	183,782
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	7,143,279

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups

7,481,269

Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions	30,219
PhilHealth Contributions	93,944
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	30,218
Retirement Gratuity	637,262
Loyalty Award - Civilian	17,620
Terminal Leave	777,259
Other Personnel Benefits	8,975

Total Other Benefits

1,595,497

Other Personnel Benefits	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	4,317,241
Total Other Personnel Benefits	4,317,241

Non-Permanent Positions	27,083

Total Personnel Services	27,262,339

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	276,540
Training and Scholarship Expenses	221,398
Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,842,168
Utility Expenses	421,019
Communication Expenses	329,431
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	339,330
Professional Services	600,437
General Services	425,000
Repairs and Maintenance	618,349
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	61,801
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	85,829
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	12,432
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,195
Representation Expenses	53,427
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	98,300
Rent/Lease Expenses	242,414
Subscription Expenses	2,193
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	668,391
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	6,299,654

TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES	33,561,993

Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Buildings and Other Structures	1,268,808
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	136,417
Transportation Equipment Outlay	28,600
Total Capital Outlays	1,433,825

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	34,995,818
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