

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.....P38,709,058,000
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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	P10,994,138,000	P 3,205,352,000	P 32,047,000	P14,231,537,000
Support to Operations	152,646,000	327,457,000	1,034,419,000	1,514,522,000
Operations	19,932,723,000	3,024,868,000	5,408,000	22,962,999,000
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	19,932,723,000	3,024,868,000	5,408,000	22,962,999,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P31,079,507,000	P 6,557,677,000	P 1,071,874,000	P38,709,058,000

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, has already been fully integrated into their salaries as of June 1, 2012, the amount of Six Hundred Seventy Two Million Seven Hundred Fourteen Thousand Twelve Pesos (P672,714,012) 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 of the DBM; (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 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 Veto Message, December 28, 2020, Volume I-B, page 846, R.A. No. 11518)

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) URS or other electronic means for reports not covered by the URS until such time that all agencies have fully migrated to the BTMS; 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 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 509,977,000	P 2,841,549,000	P 13,995,000	P 3,365,521,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	10,124,202,000			10,124,202,000

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2021

Supervision of Lower Courts	359,959,000	363,803,000	18,052,000	741,814,000
Sub Total, General Administration and Support	P10,994,138,000	P 3,205,352,000	P 32,047,000	P14,231,537,000
Support to Operations				
Judicial Bar Council	39,202,000	29,006,000	2,300,000	70,508,000
Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	103,352,000	95,594,000	3,135,000	202,081,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	10,092,000	6,957,000	479,000	17,528,000
Philippine Judicial Marshal Service		50,000,000		50,000,000
Project(s)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		145,900,000	1,028,505,000	1,174,405,000
Subsidy to Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)		30,900,000		30,900,000
Justice Sector Convergence Program		15,000,000		15,000,000
Construction/Completion/and /or Repair/Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice nationwide (JUSIP)			928,505,000	928,505,000
2021 Bar Examinations Modernization		100,000,000	100,000,000	200,000,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations	152,646,000	327,457,000	1,034,419,000	1,514,522,000
Operations				
Independent, Effective and Efficient Administration of Justice	19,932,723,000	3,024,868,000	5,408,000	22,962,999,000
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	19,932,723,000	3,024,868,000	5,408,000	22,962,999,000
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	10,801,408,000	1,311,938,000		12,113,346,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	986,302,000	148,525,000		1,134,827,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	1,957,277,000	307,334,000		2,264,611,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	2,586,642,000	436,963,000		3,023,605,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	2,199,219,000	338,025,000		2,537,244,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	26,693,000	11,305,000		37,998,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	143,215,000	26,901,000		170,116,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases	374,541,000	79,833,000		454,374,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	857,426,000	364,044,000	5,408,000	1,226,878,000
Sub-total, Operations	19,932,723,000	3,024,868,000	5,408,000	22,962,999,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P31,079,507,000	P 6,557,677,000	P 1,071,874,000	P38,709,058,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

Permanent Positions

Basic Salary	11,652,683
Creation of New Positions	364,246

Total Permanent Positions	12,016,929
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Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	624,444
Representation Allowance	297,726
Transportation Allowance	297,564
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	156,114
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	971,056
Year End Bonus	971,056
Cash Gift	130,095
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	130,095
Step Increment	29,131

Total Other Compensation Common to All	3,607,281
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Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	4,153
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	12,944
Hazard Pay	212,988
Longevity Pay	183,782
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	7,422,205
Anniversary Bonus - Civilian	78,057

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	7,914,129
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Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions	31,224
PhilHealth Contributions	104,398
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	31,224
Retirement Gratuity	1,649,111
Loyalty Award - Civilian	18,560
Terminal Leave	1,062,886

Total Other Benefits	2,897,403
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Non-Permanent Positions	27,083
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Other Personnel Benefits

Pension, Civilian Personnel	4,616,682
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GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2021

Total Other Personnel Benefits	4,616,682

Total Personal Services	31,079,507

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	276,540
Training and Scholarship Expenses	225,398
Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,852,168
Utility Expenses	421,019
Communication Expenses	338,378
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	387,855
Professional Services	665,055
General Services	425,000
Repairs and Maintenance	628,816
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	253,880
Subscription Expenses	2,193
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	768,391

Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	6,557,677

Total Current Operating Expenditures	37,637,184

Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Buildings and Other Structures	928,505
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	137,869
Transportation Equipment Outlay	4,500
Intangible Assets Outlay	1,000

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS	1,071,874

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	38,709,058
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