

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 P 39,720,211,000

New Appropriations, by Program

	<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	P 10,749,760,000	P 3,379,052,000	P 115,478,000	P 14,244,290,000
Support to Operations	156,997,000	281,457,000	1,369,273,000	1,807,727,000
Operations	<u>20,570,987,000</u>	<u>3,082,652,000</u>	<u>14,555,000</u>	<u>23,668,194,000</u>
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>20,570,987,000</u>	<u>3,082,652,000</u>	<u>14,555,000</u>	<u>23,668,194,000</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u>P 31,477,744,000</u>	<u>P 6,743,161,000</u>	<u>P 1,499,306,000</u>	<u>P 39,720,211,000</u>

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 Eighty Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight Pesos (P682,655,388) 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 Seven Hundred Four Million One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Pesos (P2,704,184,000) 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 30, 2021, Volume I-B, page 813, R.A. No. 11639)

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 submission of the quarterly reports on its financial and physical accomplishments shall be in accordance with Section 99 of the General Provisions of this Act.

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

	<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 808,793,000	P 2,950,631,000	P 47,113,000	P 3,806,537,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	9,569,460,000			9,569,460,000
Supervision of Lower Courts	<u>371,507,000</u>	<u>428,421,000</u>	<u>68,365,000</u>	<u>868,293,000</u>
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	P <u>10,749,760,000</u>	P <u>3,379,052,000</u>	P <u>115,478,000</u>	P <u>14,244,290,000</u>
Support to Operations				
Judicial Bar Council	40,099,000	29,006,000	2,300,000	71,405,000
Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	106,470,000	95,594,000	58,661,000	260,725,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	10,428,000	6,957,000	500,000	17,885,000
Project(s)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>149,900,000</u>	<u>1,307,812,000</u>	<u>1,457,712,000</u>
Subsidy to Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP)		130,900,000		130,900,000
Construction/Completion/ and /or Repair/Rehabilitation of the Halls of Justice nationwide (JUSIP)			1,307,812,000	1,307,812,000

Justice Sector Convergence Program		19,000,000		19,000,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations	156,997,000	281,457,000	1,369,273,000	1,807,727,000
Operations				
Independent, Effective and Efficient Administration of Justice	20,570,987,000	3,082,652,000	14,555,000	23,668,194,000
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	20,570,987,000	3,082,652,000	14,555,000	23,668,194,000
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	11,107,598,000	1,367,350,000		12,474,948,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	999,946,000	148,525,000		1,148,471,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	2,005,143,000	307,334,000		2,312,477,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	2,662,666,000	436,963,000		3,099,629,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	2,421,476,000	340,737,000		2,762,213,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	27,111,000	11,305,000		38,416,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	146,337,000	26,901,000		173,238,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases	299,406,000	79,493,000		378,899,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	901,304,000	364,044,000	14,555,000	1,279,903,000
Sub-total, Operations	20,570,987,000	3,082,652,000	14,555,000	23,668,194,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 31,477,744,000	P 6,743,161,000	P 1,499,306,000	P 39,720,211,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures
(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

Permanent Positions

Basic Salary

12,073,129

Total Permanent Positions

12,073,129

Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance

624,972

Representation Allowance

299,886

Transportation Allowance

299,724

Clothing and Uniform Allowance

156,246

Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian

1,006,096

Year End Bonus

1,006,096

Cash Gift	130,205
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	130,205
Step Increment	30,183
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Total Other Compensation Common to All	3,683,613
Other Compensation for Specific Groups	
Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	4,153
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	14,998
Longevity Pay	183,782
Hazard Pay	217,068
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	8,351,879
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Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	8,771,880
Other Benefits	
PAG-IBIG Contributions	31,251
PhilHealth Contributions	163,341
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	31,251
Retirement Gratuity	866,575
Loyalty Award - Civilian	14,580
Terminal Leave	990,681
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Total Other Benefits	2,097,679
Other Personnel Benefits	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	4,824,360
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Total Other Personnel Benefits	4,824,360
Non-Permanent Positions	27,083
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Total Personal Services	31,477,744
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	370,795
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	402,279
Professional Services	665,055
General Services	425,000
Repairs and Maintenance	628,816
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	161,801
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	807,034
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Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	<u>6,743,161</u>
Total Current Operating Expenditures	<u>38,220,905</u>
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Buildings and Other Structures	1,344,312
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	145,714
Transportation Equipment Outlay	6,280
Furniture, Fixtures and Book Outlay	2,000
Intangible Assets Outlay	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAYS	<u>1,499,306</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>39,720,211</u></u>