

XXXI. 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 43,171,614,000

New Appropriations, by Programs/Projects

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. REGULAR PROGRAMS				
General Administration and Support	P 11,453,670,000	P 4,304,565,000	P 306,044,000	P 16,064,279,000
Support to Operations	161,386,000	135,507,000	41,950,000	338,843,000
Operations	<u>21,766,508,000</u>	<u>3,178,613,000</u>	<u>9,710,000</u>	<u>24,954,831,000</u>
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>21,766,508,000</u>	<u>3,178,613,000</u>	<u>9,710,000</u>	<u>24,954,831,000</u>
Total, Regular Programs	<u>33,381,564,000</u>	<u>7,618,685,000</u>	<u>357,704,000</u>	<u>41,357,953,000</u>
B. PROJECT(S)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>540,900,000</u>	<u>1,272,761,000</u>	<u>1,813,661,000</u>
Total, Project(s)		<u>540,900,000</u>	<u>1,272,761,000</u>	<u>1,813,661,000</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u>P 33,381,564,000</u>	<u>P 8,159,585,000</u>	<u>P 1,630,465,000</u>	<u>P 43,171,614,000</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 Ninety Seven Million Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Six Pesos (P697,927,476) 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 Eight Hundred Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (P2,800,790,000) 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's website. (CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Veto Message, December 16, 2022, Volume I-B, page 787, R.A. No. 11936)

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 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>
REGULAR PROGRAMS				
General Administration and Support				
General Management and Supervision	P 446,733,000	P 3,868,700,000	P 258,642,000	P 4,574,075,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	10,625,763,000			10,625,763,000
Supervision of Lower Courts	<u>381,174,000</u>	<u>435,865,000</u>	<u>47,402,000</u>	<u>864,441,000</u>
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	<u>11,453,670,000</u>	<u>4,304,565,000</u>	<u>306,044,000</u>	<u>16,064,279,000</u>
Support to Operations				
Judicial Bar Council	41,018,000	29,844,000	6,100,000	76,962,000

Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	109,603,000	98,590,000	33,160,000	241,353,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	<u>10,765,000</u>	<u>7,073,000</u>	<u>2,690,000</u>	<u>20,528,000</u>
Sub-total, Support to Operations	<u>161,386,000</u>	<u>135,507,000</u>	<u>41,950,000</u>	<u>338,843,000</u>
Operations				
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>21,766,508,000</u>	<u>3,178,613,000</u>	<u>9,710,000</u>	<u>24,954,831,000</u>
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	11,867,337,000	1,408,054,000		13,275,391,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	1,045,496,000	152,971,000		1,198,467,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	2,090,178,000	317,136,000		2,407,314,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	2,806,682,000	451,883,000		3,258,565,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	2,322,384,000	351,696,000		2,674,080,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	28,683,000	11,582,000		40,265,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	157,509,000	27,692,000		185,201,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases	361,445,000	79,776,000		441,221,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	<u>1,086,794,000</u>	<u>377,823,000</u>	<u>9,710,000</u>	<u>1,474,327,000</u>
Sub-total, Operations	<u>21,766,508,000</u>	<u>3,178,613,000</u>	<u>9,710,000</u>	<u>24,954,831,000</u>
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Project(s)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)				
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)			1,272,761,000	1,272,761,000
2023 Bar Examinations		<u>410,000,000</u>		<u>410,000,000</u>
Sub-total, Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>540,900,000</u>	<u>1,272,761,000</u>	<u>1,813,661,000</u>
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New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures
(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2023

Permanent Positions	
Basic Salary	12,487,559
Creation of New Positions	<u>391,624</u>
Total Permanent Positions	<u>12,879,183</u>
Other Compensation Common to All	
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	626,988
Representation Allowance	300,426
Transportation Allowance	300,264
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	156,750
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	1,040,630
Year End Bonus	1,040,630
Cash Gift	130,625
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	130,625
Step Increment	<u>31,219</u>
Total Other Compensation Common to All	<u>3,758,157</u>
Other Compensation for Specific Groups	
Hazard Pay	221,892
Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	4,153
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	14,998
Longevity Pay	299,823
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	<u>7,976,883</u>
Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	<u>8,517,749</u>
Other Benefits	
PAG-IBIG Contributions	31,351
PhilHealth Contributions	235,653
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	31,351
Retirement Gratuity	1,222,223
Loyalty Award - Civilian	24,075
Terminal Leave	<u>1,426,657</u>
Total Other Benefits	<u>2,971,310</u>
Other Personnel Benefits	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	<u>5,228,082</u>
Total Other Personnel Benefits	<u>5,228,082</u>
Non-Permanent Positions	<u>27,083</u>
Total Personnel Services	<u>33,381,564</u>
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	287,326
Training and Scholarship Expenses	234,189
Supplies and Materials Expenses	1,924,401
Utility Expenses	437,438
Communication Expenses	385,257

Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	402,279
Professional Services	665,055
General Services	425,000
Repairs and Maintenance	653,341
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	161,801
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	85,829
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	12,918
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,242
Representation Expenses	55,510
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	102,132
Rent/Lease Expenses	1,106,640
Subscription Expenses	2,193
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	<u>1,217,034</u>
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	<u>8,159,585</u>
Total Current Operating Expenditures	<u>41,541,149</u>
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Buildings and Other Structures	1,276,261
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	276,667
Transportation Equipment Outlay	49,899
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	26,638
Intangible Assets Outlay	<u>1,000</u>
Total Capital Outlays	<u>1,630,465</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>43,171,614</u></u>