

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 Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations and locally-funded project(s), as indicated hereunder P 50,859,890,000

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 13,496,264,000	P 5,064,480,000	P 353,662,000	P 18,914,406,000
Support to Operations	156,716,000	142,342,000	324,463,000	623,521,000
Operations	<u>22,262,024,000</u>	<u>3,671,770,000</u>	<u>21,754,000</u>	<u>25,955,548,000</u>
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>22,262,024,000</u>	<u>3,671,770,000</u>	<u>21,754,000</u>	<u>25,955,548,000</u>
Total, Regular Programs	<u>35,915,004,000</u>	<u>8,878,592,000</u>	<u>699,879,000</u>	<u>45,493,475,000</u>
B. PROJECT(S)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>994,536,000</u>	<u>4,371,879,000</u>	<u>5,366,415,000</u>
Total, Project(s)		<u>994,536,000</u>	<u>4,371,879,000</u>	<u>5,366,415,000</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u>P 35,915,004,000</u>	<u>P 9,873,128,000</u>	<u>P 5,071,758,000</u>	<u>P 50,859,890,000</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 Seventy Four Million Eight Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six Pesos (P674,863,836) 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:

- formulate and implement the organizational structure of the Judiciary and the Presidential Electoral Tribunal;
- 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
- 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 Nine Hundred Seventy Three Million Five Hundred One Thousand Pesos (P2,973,501,000) 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 20, 2023, Volume I-B, page 783, R.A. No. 11975)

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. Public-Private Partnership for Major Infrastructure Projects and/or Procurements. The Supreme Court may consider entering into Public-Private Partnership arrangements with respect to its major infrastructure projects and/or procurements, as may be appropriate or allowed by law, in order to facilitate the attainment of its objectives for a more efficient, innovative and accessible judicial system.

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/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 420,173,000	P 4,421,360,000	P 305,828,000	P 5,147,361,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	12,722,134,000			12,722,134,000
Supervision of Lower Courts	<u>353,957,000</u>	<u>643,120,000</u>	<u>47,834,000</u>	<u>1,044,911,000</u>
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	<u>13,496,264,000</u>	<u>5,064,480,000</u>	<u>353,662,000</u>	<u>18,914,406,000</u>

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Support to Operations

Judicial Bar Council	40,778,000	31,295,000	6,400,000	78,473,000
Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	105,173,000	103,778,000	313,373,000	522,324,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	<u>10,765,000</u>	<u>7,269,000</u>	<u>4,690,000</u>	<u>22,724,000</u>
Sub-total, Support to Operations	<u>156,716,000</u>	<u>142,342,000</u>	<u>324,463,000</u>	<u>623,521,000</u>

Operations

ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>22,262,024,000</u>	<u>3,671,770,000</u>	<u>21,754,000</u>	<u>25,955,548,000</u>
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	11,590,005,000	1,502,156,000		13,092,161,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	1,047,985,000	160,671,000		1,208,656,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	2,095,942,000	334,108,000		2,430,050,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	2,809,037,000	477,719,000		3,286,756,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	2,249,645,000	377,455,000		2,627,100,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	24,843,000	12,063,000		36,906,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	151,982,000	29,064,000		181,046,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases	984,573,000	80,265,000		1,064,838,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	979,012,000	398,269,000	21,754,000	1,399,035,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases - Offices of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices	<u>329,000,000</u>	<u>300,000,000</u>		<u>629,000,000</u>
Sub-total, Operations	<u>22,262,024,000</u>	<u>3,671,770,000</u>	<u>21,754,000</u>	<u>25,955,548,000</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)			4,185,479,000	4,185,479,000
Justice Sector Convergence Program		42,680,000	186,400,000	229,080,000
2024 Bar Examinations		720,956,000		720,956,000
2024 Shari'a Bar Examinations		<u>100,000,000</u>		<u>100,000,000</u>
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New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures**Personnel Services****Civilian Personnel****Permanent Positions**

Basic Salary	12,433,137
Creation of New Positions	720,624

Total Permanent Positions	13,153,761
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Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	624,876
Representation Allowance	298,392
Transportation Allowance	298,230
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	156,222
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	1,036,094
Year End Bonus	1,036,094
Cash Gift	130,185
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	130,185
Step Increment	31,083

Total Other Compensation Common to All	3,741,361
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Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Hazard Pay	221,000
Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	4,153
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	14,998
Longevity Pay	336,694
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	8,642,393

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	9,219,238
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Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions	31,244
PhilHealth Contributions	234,799
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	31,244
Retirement Gratuity	2,286,788
Loyalty Award - Civilian	24,075
Terminal Leave	1,937,329

Total Other Benefits	4,545,479
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Other Personnel Benefits

Pension, Civilian Personnel	5,228,082
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Total Other Personnel Benefits	5,228,082
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Non-Permanent Positions	<u>27,083</u>
Total Personnel Services	<u>35,915,004</u>
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	306,003
Training and Scholarship Expenses	273,091
Supplies and Materials Expenses	2,055,545
Utility Expenses	465,872
Communication Expenses	410,297
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	424,059
Professional Services	865,055
General Services	425,000
Repairs and Maintenance	695,810
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	161,801
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	85,829
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	13,758
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,323
Representation Expenses	59,118
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	108,771
Rent/Lease Expenses	809,200
Subscription Expenses	884,606
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	<u>1,827,990</u>
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	<u>9,873,128</u>
Total Current Operating Expenditures	<u>45,788,132</u>
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Land Outlay	165,000
Buildings and Other Structures	4,297,379
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	291,218
Transportation Equipment Outlay	110,523
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	26,638
Intangible Assets Outlay	<u>181,000</u>
Total Capital Outlays	<u>5,071,758</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>50,859,890</u></u>