

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 53,534,113,000

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 11,554,542,000	P 4,314,680,000	P 1,221,143,000	P 17,090,365,000
Support to Operations	178,602,000	395,701,000	49,020,000	623,323,000
Operations	<u>24,065,826,000</u>	<u>4,052,507,000</u>	<u>21,754,000</u>	<u>28,140,087,000</u>
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>24,065,826,000</u>	<u>4,052,507,000</u>	<u>21,754,000</u>	<u>28,140,087,000</u>
Total, Regular Programs	<u>35,798,970,000</u>	<u>8,762,888,000</u>	<u>1,291,917,000</u>	<u>45,853,775,000</u>
B. PROJECT(S)				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>2,400,265,000</u>	<u>5,280,073,000</u>	<u>7,680,338,000</u>
Total, Project(s)		<u>2,400,265,000</u>	<u>5,280,073,000</u>	<u>7,680,338,000</u>
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u>P 35,798,970,000</u>	<u>P 11,163,153,000</u>	<u>P 6,571,990,000</u>	<u>P 53,534,113,000</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 Million Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six Pesos (P680,737,356) 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 the 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 the Lower Courts.** The amount of Three Billion Two Hundred Forty Four Million One Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Pesos (P3,244,188,000) 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, 2024, Volume I-B, page 757, R.A. No. 12116)

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

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
REGULAR PROGRAMS				
General Administration and Support				
General Management and Supervision	P 511,337,000	P 3,629,995,000	P 998,828,000	P 5,140,160,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	10,578,596,000			10,578,596,000
Supervision of Lower Courts	464,609,000	684,685,000	222,315,000	1,371,609,000
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	11,554,542,000	4,314,680,000	1,221,143,000	17,090,365,000

Support to Operations

Judicial Bar Council	56,104,000	32,009,000	3,900,000	92,013,000
Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHLJA)	109,716,000	106,328,000	28,230,000	244,274,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	12,782,000	7,364,000	16,890,000	37,036,000
Philippine Judicial Marshal Service		<u>250,000,000</u>		<u>250,000,000</u>
Sub-total, Support to Operations	<u>178,602,000</u>	<u>395,701,000</u>	<u>49,020,000</u>	<u>623,323,000</u>

Operations

ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>24,065,826,000</u>	<u>4,052,507,000</u>	<u>21,754,000</u>	<u>28,140,087,000</u>
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	12,995,334,000	1,583,181,000		14,578,515,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	1,154,329,000	167,632,000		1,321,961,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	2,215,229,000	347,215,000		2,562,444,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	2,763,822,000	490,419,000		3,254,241,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	2,401,630,000	421,983,000		2,823,613,000
Adjudication of Shari'a District Court Cases	26,241,000	12,299,000		38,540,000
Adjudication of Shari'a Circuit Court Cases	160,300,000	29,738,000		190,038,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases	1,193,992,000	191,721,000		1,385,713,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	1,154,949,000	508,319,000	21,754,000	1,685,022,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases - Offices of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices		<u>300,000,000</u>		<u>300,000,000</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)			720,288,000	720,288,000
Justice Sector Convergence Program		115,355,000	218,310,000	333,665,000
Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations		1,097,400,000	4,341,475,000	5,438,875,000
2025 Bar Examinations		843,610,000		843,610,000

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2025 Shari'a Bar Examinations	113,000,000		113,000,000
Developmental and Social Lawyering	<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	12,933,264
Creation of New Positions	<u>1,059,471</u>

Total Permanent Positions	<u>13,992,735</u>
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Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	651,108
Representation Allowance	358,398
Transportation Allowance	358,212
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	189,910
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	1,077,773
Year End Bonus	1,077,773
Cash Gift	135,650
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	135,650
Step Increment	<u>32,334</u>

Total Other Compensation Common to All	<u>4,016,808</u>
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Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	14,350
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	16,181
Longevity Pay	327,702
Lump-sum for Filling of Positions - Civilian	7,010,657
Other Personnel Benefits	<u>432,309</u>

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	<u>7,801,199</u>
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Other Benefits

PAG-IBIG Contributions	65,113
PhilHealth Contributions	280,006
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	32,555
Retirement Gratuity	<u>1,706,025</u>

Loyalty Award - Civilian	23,145
Terminal Leave	1,861,914
Total Other Benefits	3,968,758
Other Personnel Benefits	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	5,486,032
Total Other Personnel Benefits	5,486,032
Non-Permanent Positions	533,438
Total Personnel Services	35,798,970
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	315,183
Training and Scholarship Expenses	352,679
Supplies and Materials Expenses	2,117,211
Utility Expenses	641,245
Communication Expenses	422,604
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	442,031
Professional Services	1,153,055
General Services	425,000
Repairs and Maintenance	716,683
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	161,801
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	85,829
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	14,171
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,363
Representation Expenses	60,892
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	112,033
Rent/Lease Expenses	830,386
Subscription Expenses	1,147,343
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	2,163,644
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	11,163,153
Total Current Operating Expenditures	46,962,123
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Buildings and Other Structures	720,288
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	465,699
Transportation Equipment Outlay	110,523
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	26,638
Intangible Assets Outlay	5,248,842
Total Capital Outlays	6,571,990
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	53,534,113