

**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 58,544,943,000

**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>
<b>A. REGULAR PROGRAMS</b>				
General Administration and Support	P 10,847,301,000	P 4,362,952,000	P 944,691,000	P 16,154,944,000
Support to Operations	860,037,000	586,809,000	24,973,000	1,471,819,000
Operations	<u>27,270,113,000</u>	<u>4,151,377,000</u>	<u>21,043,000</u>	<u>31,442,533,000</u>
ADJUDICATION PROGRAM	<u>27,270,113,000</u>	<u>4,151,377,000</u>	<u>21,043,000</u>	<u>31,442,533,000</u>
Total, Regular Programs	<u>38,977,451,000</u>	<u>9,101,138,000</u>	<u>990,707,000</u>	<u>49,069,296,000</u>
<b>B. PROJECT(S)</b>				
Locally-Funded Project(s)		<u>4,280,269,000</u>	<u>5,195,378,000</u>	<u>9,475,647,000</u>
Total, Project(s)		<u>4,280,269,000</u>	<u>5,195,378,000</u>	<u>9,475,647,000</u>
<b>TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>P 38,977,451,000</u>	<u>P 13,381,407,000</u>	<u>P 6,186,085,000</u>	<u>P 58,544,943,000</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 Nine Hundred Five Thousand One Hundred Twenty Pesos (P682,905,120) 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, s. 1987, 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 Four Hundred Seven Million Seven Hundred Seven Thousand Pesos (P3,407,707,000) appropriated herein shall be used for the MOOE of the lower courts; *Provided*, That the Supreme Court shall continuously ensure the equitable allocation and prompt release of the MOOE allocations to the lower courts for the efficient administration of justice.

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 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and 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.

**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 until such time that all agencies have fully migrated to the Budget and Treasury Management System (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.

**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 Programs/Activities/Projects

Current Operating Expenditures							
		Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses		Capital Outlays		Total	
Personnel Services							

**REGULAR PROGRAMS**

General Administration and Support

General Management and Supervision	P	607,078,000	P	3,674,594,000	P	738,725,000	P	5,020,397,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits		9,541,335,000						9,541,335,000

## GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2026

Supervision of Lower Courts	<u>698,888,000</u>	<u>688,358,000</u>	<u>205,966,000</u>	<u>1,593,212,000</u>
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	<u>10,847,301,000</u>	<u>4,362,952,000</u>	<u>944,691,000</u>	<u>16,154,944,000</u>
Support to Operations				
Judicial Bar Council	70,260,000	32,743,000		103,003,000
Operations of Philippine Judicial Academy (PHILJA)	120,138,000	108,954,000	24,973,000	254,065,000
Operations of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)	14,400,000	7,463,000		21,863,000
Philippine Judicial Marshal Service	460,000,000	250,000,000		710,000,000
Unified Legal Aid Service	39,098,000	100,000,000		139,098,000
Judicial Integrity Office	<u>156,141,000</u>	<u>87,649,000</u>		<u>243,790,000</u>
Sub-total, Support to Operations	<u>860,037,000</u>	<u>586,809,000</u>	<u>24,973,000</u>	<u>1,471,819,000</u>
Operations				
<b>ADJUDICATION PROGRAM</b>	<u>27,270,113,000</u>	<u>4,151,377,000</u>	<u>21,043,000</u>	<u>31,442,533,000</u>
Adjudication of Regional Trial Court Cases	14,600,936,000	1,620,161,000		16,221,097,000
Adjudication of Metropolitan Court Cases	1,306,033,000	171,606,000		1,477,639,000
Adjudication of Municipal Trial Court Cases in Cities	2,529,739,000	355,922,000		2,885,661,000
Adjudication of Municipal Circuit Court Cases	3,134,199,000	503,500,000		3,637,699,000
Adjudication of Municipal Court Cases	2,696,948,000	432,455,000		3,129,403,000
Adjudication of Shari'ah District Court Cases	61,162,000	32,932,000	2,340,000	96,434,000
Adjudication of Shari'ah Circuit Court Cases	254,941,000	96,497,000	7,020,000	358,458,000
Adjudication of Child and Family Court Cases	1,273,108,000	194,634,000		1,467,742,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases	1,313,047,000	443,670,000	11,683,000	1,768,400,000
Adjudication of Supreme Court Cases - Offices of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices	<u>100,000,000</u>	<u>300,000,000</u>		<u>400,000,000</u>
Sub-total, Operations	<u>27,270,113,000</u>	<u>4,151,377,000</u>	<u>21,043,000</u>	<u>31,442,533,000</u>
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<b>PROJECT(S)</b>				
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)			2,688,606,000	2,688,606,000

Justice Sector Convergence Program	175,819,000	150,000,000	325,819,000
Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations	2,802,503,000	2,356,772,000	5,159,275,000
Developmental and Social Lawyering	100,000,000		100,000,000
PCB on the Sustainable Development Goals	29,500,000		29,500,000
Bar Examinations	882,448,000		882,448,000
Shari'ah Bar Examinations	159,099,000		159,099,000
Sub-total, Locally-Funded Project(s)	4,280,269,000	5,195,378,000	9,475,647,000
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New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures  
(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

Permanent Positions

Basic Salary	14,685,817
Creation of New Positions	2,178,960

Total Permanent Positions 16,864,777

Other Compensation Common to All

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	651,108
Representation Allowance	358,554
Transportation Allowance	358,368
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	189,910
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	1,223,817
Year End Bonus	1,223,817
Cash Gift	135,650
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	135,650
Step Increment	36,714

Total Other Compensation Common to All 4,313,588

Other Compensation for Specific Groups

Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	15,704
Magna Carta for Public Social Workers	18,774
Longevity Pay	371,998
Lump-sum for Filling of Positions - Civilian	7,981,003
Other Personnel Benefits	432,309
Anniversary Bonus - Civilian	118,929

Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups 8,938,717

<b>Other Benefits</b>	
PAG-IBIG Contributions	65,114
PhilHealth Contributions	307,700
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	32,556
Retirement Gratuity	618,575
Loyalty Award - Civilian	20,840
Terminal Leave	941,757
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<b>Total Other Benefits</b>	<b>1,986,542</b>
<b>Other Personnel Benefits</b>	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	6,289,873
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<b>Total Other Personnel Benefits</b>	<b>6,289,873</b>
<b>Non-Permanent Positions</b>	<b>583,954</b>
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<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>38,977,451</b>
<b>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</b>	
Travelling Expenses	329,930
Training and Scholarship Expenses	501,963
Supplies and Materials Expenses	2,223,795
Utility Expenses	691,579
Communication Expenses	450,328
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	
Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	445,908
Professional Services	1,153,055
General Services	425,000
Repairs and Maintenance	738,185
Financial Assistance/Subsidy	161,801
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	86,175
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	14,597
Printing and Publication Expenses	1,404
Representation Expenses	65,982
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	116,479
Rent/Lease Expenses	872,186
Subscription Expenses	2,852,646
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	2,250,394
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<b>Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>13,381,407</b>
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<b>Total Current Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>52,358,858</b>
<b>Capital Outlays</b>	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Buildings and Other Structures	2,688,606
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	964,729
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	25,978
Intangible Assets Outlay	2,506,772
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Total Capital Outlays

6,186,085

**TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS**

**58,544,943**