



Republic of the Philippines
Judicial and Bar Council
Manila

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) announces the opening, for application or recommendation, of the following positions:

A. Court of Appeals Associate Justice:

1. vice Hon. **Mariflor P. Castillo**, who was appointed as Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals on 14 November 2023;
2. vice Hon. **Oscar V. Badelles**, who will compulsorily retire on 20 April 2024;
3. vice Hon. **Ramon R. Garcia**, who will compulsorily retire on 10 May 2024;
4. vice Hon. **Alfredo D. Ampuan**, who will compulsorily retire on 6 June 2024;

B. Sandiganbayan Associate Justice:

1. vice Hon. **Oscar C. Herrera, Jr.**, who will compulsorily retire on 23 May 2024;
2. vice Hon. **Efren N. dela Cruz**, who will compulsorily retire on 18 June 2024; and

*C. Ombudsman Special Prosecutor vice **Edilberto G. Sandoval**, whose term will expire on 27 June 2024.*

Interested applicants must visit the official JBC website (www.jbc.judiciary.gov.ph) for details and guidelines on application requirements, and access the Online Application Scheduler not later than the deadline for the submission of applications and documentary requirements on **25 March 2024 (Monday)**, from 8:00 o'clock in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon. After filling in the required information in the Online Application Scheduler, applicants will receive a computer-generated letter of intent in their respective email addresses.

A copy of the letter of intent must be printed out and submitted together with two (2) complete sets of all the documentary requirements to the JBC, 2nd Floor, Centennial Building, Supreme Court, Padre Faura Street, Manila, on their selected date and time of appointment, which must **not be later than 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of 25 March 2024 (Monday)**. The date of actual receipt by the JBC of the complete documentary requirements shall be deemed as the date of filing.

Applicants who prefer to send their applications and documentary requirements through registered mail or private courier must ensure that their documents are complete, updated and received by the JBC on the date reserved in the Online Application Scheduler. In this regard, the applicant should send through email a copy of the mailing receipt to oafs.jbc@judiciary.gov.ph on the same day.

Guidelines:

- ☐ The documentary requirements must be original or certified true copies, accompanied by duplicate photocopies, all on legal size paper and enclosed in **green** envelope for Court of Appeals, **violet** for Sandiganbayan, and **brown** for the Ombudsman Special Prosecutor.
- ☐ All submitted documents and clearances must be tabbed. (e.g. A, B, C, D, see Forms for sample)
- ☐ A flash drive containing the scanned or electronic copies of application documents in Portable Document Format (PDF) must also be submitted. The scanned copies contained in the flash drive must be a complete and accurate reproduction of all the documentary requirements submitted.
- ☐ Applicants are urged to consider allowance for contingencies when setting a schedule for submission. Incomplete applications and/or out-of-date documentary requirements and those submitted on a date other than the chosen date and time in the Online Application Scheduler shall not be accepted.
- ☐ Applicants are reminded that the Personal Data Sheet and its Annexes are **under oath** and contain their declaration that “I am SOLELY RESPONSIBLE for any incomplete or out-of-date document/s or information. Therefore, receipt of my application documents does not certify that my submission is complete and in compliance with all the JBC requirements.”

Documentary Requirements:

- ☐ Application letter or recommendation letter with *conforme* (Please use the prescribed forms)
- ☐ Duly accomplished, computerized, and notarized latest version of the Personal Data Sheet (April 2023 Version, see Forms) and Online Matrix (Annex “A” February 2023 Version, see Forms) printed in 8.5” x 13” bond paper where **all** fields are completely filled-up and with attached 2x2 I.D. picture in business attire taken within the past six (6) months. **(Previous applicants must highlight or mark with a bright color new, modified, or corrected entries in their updated PDS.)**
- ☐ Transcript of records in law school and post-graduate degree, if applicable (*Note: Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** thereof no longer have to submit.*)
- ☐ Certifications of awards and distinctions in college, law school, or post-graduate degree, and civic awards, if applicable (*Note: Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** thereof no longer have to submit.*)



- ☐ Birth certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) or National Statistics Office*; in the absence thereof, a PSA Certification to that effect and other proof of age and citizenship (*Note: Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** of birth certificate issued by the National Statistics Office or the PSA no longer have to submit.*)
- ☐ Certificate of payment of membership dues or of lifetime membership issued by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) National Office not earlier than **25 September 2023** (*Note: Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** of lifetime membership no longer have to submit.*)
- ☐ Certificate of Employment (COE) issued by the current employer not earlier than **25 September 2023**, stating the applicant's present position, employment status (e.g. permanent, coterminous, casual, temporary, consultant, or contractual), annual salary, salary grade, and judicial rank, if any (*Note: Judges and solo practitioners need not submit.*)
- ☐ Service Record of applicants in government service or those in the private sector who have been employed in the government at any point (*Note: This should include all previous government posts held, and employment status [e.g. permanent, coterminous, casual, temporary, consultant, or contractual]; not required of incumbent Judges*)
- ☐ Certificate of Assumption of Office or Oath of Office of applicant's current position (*Note: This only applies to lawyers from non-judiciary government offices.*)
- ☐ Certificate of Compliance with, or Exemption from, the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Program for the seventh (7th) Compliance Period (*Note: Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** thereof no longer have to submit.*)
- ☐ Income Tax Returns for Years or Certificates of Compensation Payment/Tax Withheld for Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 (*Note: Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** for the years covered need only to submit photocopies thereof.*)
- ☐ Sworn Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth (SALNs) accompanied by an explanation in case of unusual, appreciable, or sudden increase or decrease of net worth, as this will be inquired into during the interview:
 - For those who are currently in government service, all SALNs for the past ten (10) years (i.e., for years 2013-2022, including entry and exit SALNs of those who joined the government or

* PSA Advisory dated 28 April 2021 stating that "civil registry documents printed in original SECPA duly issued by the then National Statistics Office (NSO), now PSA, have no expiration."

were separated from the service at any time within the past ten [10] years) must be submitted (*Note: If in government service for less than ten [10] years, only SALNs for the years while in government service need to be submitted.*)

- For those who are currently employed in the private sector but were *in government service within the past ten (10) years*, all SALNs for those years in government service, including entry and exit SALNs, must be submitted together with SALN as of 31 December 2023
 - For those applicants from the *private sector who have not served the government within the past ten (10) years*, only SALN as of 31 December 2023 must be submitted
 - **Failure to submit any of the SALNs, which is a constitutional and statutory requirement, shall be a ground for the disqualification of an applicant** (*Note: Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** for the years covered need only to submit photocopies thereof.*)
- Certifications issued by banks or other financial institutions **within the application period** regarding the **amounts** of local or foreign deposits and other investments under the applicant's name or held jointly with applicant's spouse, children, and other persons or entities
 - Accomplished Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR) Forms for 2021-2023 (*Note: This only applies to applicants who served the government at any time between 2021 and 2023 except Judges. Previous applicants who submitted an **original or certified true copy** for the years covered need only submit photocopies thereof.*)
 - Two (2) sample decisions or resolutions (required of Judges and quasi-judicial officers only), pleadings, treatises, written articles, opinions, edited or published
(*Note: Previous applicants who submitted these no longer have to submit.*)
 - Copies of complaints, comments, or other records of pending cases (civil, criminal, or administrative cases [including OCA IPI]) involving the applicant, or if decided, a copy of the Decision/Resolution

* MEDICAL EXAMINATION RECORDS:

- Results of the following medical examinations conducted not earlier than **25 September 2023**:
 - Complete blood count
 - Routine Urinalysis
 - Blood Chemistry
 - FBS
 - BUN
 - Creatinine
 - Uric Acid
 - Cholesterol



- SGPT
- Electrocardiogram (12-Lead) result
- ☐ Results of routine chest X-ray (excluding X-ray films) conducted not earlier than **25 March 2023**
- ☐ Medical Certificate issued by a government doctor not earlier than **25 September 2023** indicating the findings or impressions based on the results of the medical examinations, and certifying that the applicant is medically fit to assume the position applied for
- ☐ Affidavit of Undertaking that the applicant shall inform the JBC in writing and submit an updated Comprehensive Medical Certificate should he or she contract any serious illnesses at any stage of the application process (see Forms)

* **CLEARANCES** issued not earlier than **25 September 2023**:

- ☐ Clearance/Certification of pending and decided cases against the applicant issued by current employer (*Note: not required of Judges*)
- ☐ Printed Proof of Request to the Judicial and Integrity Board (JIB), or duly issued JIB Clearance Certificate of past and pending cases, if available (*Note: required only of past and current employees of the Judiciary, e.g. judges, clerks of court*)
- ☐ Proof of Payment to the Office of the Bar Confidant's (OBC) Certification Requirements for the JBC, or duly issued OBC Certification/s, if available. For those who have not yet been issued his/her OBC Certification/s, please email a copy of the Proof of Payment thereof directly to oaafs.jbc@judiciary.gov.ph (*Note: not required of Justices and Judges*)
- ☐ Clearance/Certification of pending and past cases issued by the IBP National Office
- ☐ Ombudsman Clearance
- ☐ National Police Clearance

* **CLEARANCE** issued not earlier than **25 March 2023**:

- ☐ NBI Clearance

* **PRE-JUDICATURE PROGRAM FOR APPELLATE COURTS (PJPA) RESULTS**

- Philippine Judicial Academy Letter-Certification indicating the PJP for Appellate Courts (PJPA) Numerical Grade and Descriptive Rating (*Note: not required of applicants for the Ombudsman Special Prosecutor*)

Please be guided that **all applicants**, except those applying for the position of Ombudsman Special Prosecutor, are required to have undergone, completed and passed the PJP of the PHILJA pursuant to Section 2, Rule 3 of the *2020 Revised JBC Rules*. The validity period of three (3) years as provided therein is, however, still suspended.

As recommended by PHILJA, the PJP for **lower courts and appellate courts** shall have a validity period of **five (5) years from the year of completion**. Thus, those who have completed and the **PHILJA's PJPA (1st to 7th PJPA)** are considered to have valid PJPs for the application period.

THE QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS SHALL BE RECKONED FROM THE DATE OF NOMINATION [28 JUNE 2024]. For the qualification requirements and evaluative criteria, applicants are enjoined to refer to the *2020 Revised JBC Rules*, as amended, in the JBC website.

Applicants who have been found by the Council to have wilfully made false statements, misrepresentations, or concealments of any material information as provided for under the said rules shall be considered disqualified from being nominated by the Council or may be subject to perjury.

6 February 2024.

MARIFE M. LOMIBAO-CUEVAS

Clerk of Court & JBC *Ex Officio* Secretary