

# The procedure for appointing chairs of courts is clarified

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In order to facilitate the operative and transparent process of appointing the chairs of courts, the Judicial Council clarified the procedure for nominating and appointing a chair, a deputy-chair of a district (city) court and a regional court, as well as a chair of courthouse, identifying the plan of action in case the competition for these positions shows no results. In such case, the Court Administration must announce a new competition within three working days at the latest.

If the term of office of a chair, a deputy-chair of a court or a chair of a courthouse has expired, but no new chair has been appointed, the Judicial Council shall appoint an acting chair from among the deputy chairs on a proposal of the Court Administration; in case there are no deputy chairs, the chair is appointed from among court's judges. This means that in such cases, the duties of chair of a court cannot continue to be performed by a judge whose term of office has expired.

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