



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.

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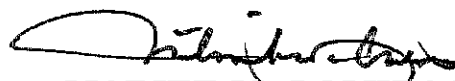
Please be guided that **all applicants**, except those applying for the position of Ombudsman Special Prosecutor, are required to have undergone, completed and passed the PJP of the PHILJA pursuant to Section 2, Rule 3 of the *2020 Revised JBC Rules*. The validity period of three (3) years as provided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



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Clerk of Court & JBC *Ex Officio* Secretary