

**International Association of Judges
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Questionnaire

The Appointment and the Role of Presidents of Courts

1. Appointment/Removal/Outside Influences

1.1 How do you become a president of a court (who appoints a judge for president? who elects? describe the procedure)?

1.2 What qualifications are needed to become a president of court (e.g. examinations, training, former position)?

1.3 Is a president appointed for a certain tenure of office or for an indefinite time?

1.4 Can a president of a court be removed from his office? If yes, by whom under what conditions?

1.5 Are there any influences on behalf of the other powers of state on the decisions of a president (e.g. by the minister of Justice)? If yes, describe.

2. Competences / Relationship to the other Judges of the Court

2.1 What is the task of a president of court (describe in few words his or her duties, responsibilities)?

2.2 Is there any competence of the president of court to appoint judges? If yes, describe.

2.3 Is there any competence of the president of court to evaluate the work of a judge? If yes, describe.

2.4 Is there any competence of the president of court to initiate a disciplinary procedure against judges? If yes, describe.

2.5 Is there any competence of the president of court to assign cases to the judges? If yes, describe.

2.6 Has the president of court any influence on the contents of judgments? If yes, describe.

2.7 Is there any competence of the president of court concerning the remuneration of judges? If yes, describe.

2.8 What is the competence of the president of court concerning the budget of the court?

2.9 What is the competence of the president of court concerning the court staff (e.g. employment, dismissal)?

2.10 Describe in few words the relationship between the president of court and the other judges (e.g. is he or she a "primus inter pares" or a superior/boss).

3. Particularities/Criticism/Next topics

3.1 Are there some particularities concerning the position and duties of a president of court in the jurisdiction of your country which might be of special comparative interest? If yes, describe.

3.1 Are there any critical points in your country's system of president of court? Are there reforms under way? If yes, describe in a few words.

3.3 What topic do you propose for next year's meeting of the 1st study commission?

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