URUGUAY

The role and function of the High Council of Justice or analogous bodies in the organisation and management of the national judicial system

1. (Constitution/Composition)

There is **not** a Superior Council of the Judiciary nor any analogous body in the Uruguayan Judicial System. In Uruguay, the **functions** of a Superior Council are performed by the **Supreme Court of Justice**, which -among many other functions- decides the appointments of Judges and their promotions; it’s the discipline Court for all the judges, and it plans (but doesn’t decide) the judicial budget. It also has a leading position at the Center of Judicial Studies and at the Committee that elaborates an annual list of the most qualified Judges to be promoted.

2. (Responsabilities)

None, cause it doesn't exist.-

3. (Superior Council and (a) the independence of the judiciary and (b) its advantages and disadvantages)

3.2 (a) The creation of such a body is not contemplated.-
(b) We think that one important advantage of having a Superior Council of the Judiciary is that its members perform their tasks as a unique job. (In our country, the Supreme Court has a such long list of functions that it's often overwhelmed by it).-

4. (Particularities/Criticisms)

None, cause it doesn't exist.-