Are prosecutors regarded as members of the judiciary?
No. (Nor are they considered members of state judiciaries.) They are members of the executive branch.

Is there security of tenure once a judge (prosecutor) has been appointed?
For federal judges, yes. They are appointed for life, conditioned on good behavior.

Does an independent body regulate appointment and promotion of judges (prosecutors)? If so, are judges in a majority? Is its advice binding?
No. The President of the United States appoints them, and they are confirmed by the United States Senate. Promotions on the court on which a judge is serving, for example to the position of chief judge, is determined by age and seniority on the court. A judge may be advanced from the trial court to the appeals court, but that is done only through a new presidential appointment and a new Senate confirmation.

Is salary determined by an independent body? Is its advice binding? Can salaries be reduced?
Salary is determined by Congress and is applicable across the board to judges of equal rank. Once salary is set, it cannot be reduced.

Are disciplinary matters dealt with by an independent body? If so, are judges in a majority? Is its advice binding?
Disciplinary matters are generally determined by a council of the court on which the judge sits. If the judge has committed a crime, however, the judge may be subject to impeachment and removal from office. Impeachment proceedings are instituted by and take place before Congress.
Is training organised by an independent body?
Training is generally organized by the central administrative office of the courts. These staff members work for the federal judiciary. Training is not mandatory, and judges may choose to attend but are not required to do so.

Is the court administration independent of other executive powers?
Yes, except that the overall budget of the federal courts must be approved and funded by Congress, and Congress determines the number of judges that may be appointed as members of the respective trial and appeals courts. Budget and staffing recommendations and requests are generated by the judiciary’s governing bodies and are presented to Congress by the judiciary’s administrative office.

Is there a separate budget for the court system? Who determines the budget? Who decides spending priorities?
Yes, there is a separate budget. The governing body of the federal judiciary generally determines the budget that is submitted to Congress. Congress has the power to alter the budget.

Is there immunity from criminal/civil suit against judges (prosecutors)?
There is immunity from civil suit for acts taken by judges in their judicial capacities. They are not protected from suit for non-judicial acts such as harassment of employees or acts taken in their private capacities. Judges are not immune from criminal prosecution for crimes they are charged with having committed. Making an erroneous judicial decision, however wrong it may be, cannot be prosecuted as a crime.

Is there freedom of association for judges (prosecutors)?
Yes, generally, although judges may not associate themselves publicly with political parties or causes, other than efforts to improve the legal system, nor may they engage in fund-raising for such causes or other charitable endeavors.

Is there recognition of professional bodies of judges by the executive?
The executive recognizes the Federal Judges Association (the President hosted the members at the White House this past spring), but there is no legal requirement to do so.
What is the public opinion/press of the independence of the judges (prosecutors) in your country?
Generally the public and the media recognize that the judiciary is independent. That does not stop criticism of judicial decisions, however, which criticism often takes the form of decrying what the public and media call “activist” judges. Of course, whether a judge is perceived as an “activist” judge depends on the lens through which his or her decisions are being examined.

Are there any reports by international organisations on the independence of judges (prosecutors) in your country?
Not to my knowledge.

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