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REGULATION
on Holding Competition to Fill a Vacant Judicial Position

(As amended by the Decision of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine No. 89/zp-26 dated July 08, 2026)

This Regulation is developed in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" (hereinafter – the Law) and defines the general procedure for submitting an application and documents for participation in the competition and the procedure for holding a competition for the vacant position of a judge of local, appellate, or higher specialized court, or a judge of the Supreme Court (further – the competition) and, based on the results of the competition, submitting to the High Council of Justice a recommendation on the appointment of a candidate to the judicial position or a recommendation on the transfer of a judge.

Chapter 1
TERMS

1.1. The competition for a vacant judicial position shall be conducted by the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine.

1.2. Organizational support of the Commission's activities regarding the preparation and conduct of the competition shall be carried out by the Commission's Secretariat.

1.3. The principles on which the competition is based are fairness, legality, publicity, transparency, openness and equality of conditions for all participants, objectivity, impartiality, and respect for human rights.

1.4. The competition for the vacant position of a judge of a local court shall be conducted based on the ranking of judicial candidates and judges who expressed the intention to be transferred to another local court, following the results of the qualification examinations within the framework of the selection procedure for the position of judge.

The competition for filling the vacant position of judge of a local court shall be held for judicial candidates and judges enrolled in the reserve for filling vacant positions of judges.

1.5. The competition for vacant positions of judges of an appellate court, the higher specialized court, or judges of the Supreme Court shall be conducted based on the ranking of candidates following the results of the qualification evaluation and taking into account the peculiarities provided for in Article 79-3 of the Law.

1.6. The competition for the vacancy of judges of the Supreme Court shall be held in relation to a vacancy in the relevant court of cassation.

1.7. The competition for the vacancy of a judge of the High Anti-Corruption Court shall be held taking into account the peculiarities provided by the Law of Ukraine "On the High Anti-Corruption Court".

1.8. For each competition, the Commission shall form a separate ranking.

1.9. The competition shall be held in accordance with this Regulation, unless otherwise established by the Commission's decision.

Chapter 2
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

2.1. The competition shall be announced on the basis of the decision of the Commission.

The decision to announce the competition shall be made at a plenary session of the Commission.

2.2. The decision to announce the competition shall state:

1) names of courts where there are vacant judicial positions;

2) the number of vacant judicial positions;

3) terms of the competition;

4) date, time, and place of the competition.

2.3. The Commission shall post (make public) information on the decision on the announcement of the competition on its official website and the official web portal of the judiciary of Ukraine.

2.4. The Commission may decide on making changes to the decision on the announcement of the competition and on canceling the competition. Such decisions shall be adopted at a plenary session of the Commission, and relevant information shall be posted (made public) on the official website of the Commission and the official web portal of the judiciary of Ukraine.

Chapter 3
GENERAL PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

3.1. The documents for participation in the competition shall be submitted within the period established by the terms of the competition, which cannot exceed 30 days.

The Commission, by its decision, may allow the candidate to submit certain documents after the established deadline.

The documents for participation in the competition for the vacancy of a local court judge shall be submitted not earlier than 15 days from the day the Commission has published the decision on the announcement of the competition on its official website.

The documents for participation in the competition for filling the vacant position of a judge of the Court of Appeal, a higher specialized court, or a justice of the Supreme Court shall be submitted no earlier than 30 days from the day the Commission has published the decision on the announcement of the competition on its official website.

3.2. The application and documents for participation in the competition shall be submitted by the candidate in electronic form through the official website of the Commission (ksk.vkksu.gov.ua).

The decision of the Commission may stipulate that documents shall be submitted in paper form.

3.3. To participate in the competition, the candidate shall submit an application and documents specified by the decision of the Commission on the announcement of the competition.

3.4. The documents (materials) determined by the Commission in the terms of the competition shall meet the following requirements:

1) for the purposes of the competition, the passport of a citizen of Ukraine shall be a document certifying identity and confirming citizenship. A copy of a passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a booklet shall contain copies of all pages. A copy of the passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a card shall contain the front and back sides of the passport and be made on one sheet, with a copy of the front side in the upper part, and the back side in the lower part. Together with a copy of the passport of a citizen of Ukraine in the form of a card, a copy of an extract from the register of the territorial community shall be submitted to confirm information about the place of residence (stay);

(Subparagraph 2 of paragraph 3.4 of Section 3 is excluded by the Commission's Decision No. 89/zp-26 dated July 08, 2026)

3) the declaration of integrity and family ties of a judicial candidate shall be submitted by filling it out on the Commission's official website in accordance with the rules for filling out and submitting such a declaration;

(Subparagraph 3 of paragraph 3.4 of Section 3 as amended by the Commission's Decision No. 89/zp-26 dated July 08, 2026)

4) documents confirming the length (experience) of work (professional activity) in the field of law can be an employment record book, a record of service, or other documents related to the relevant activity of a judicial candidate. Such documents shall contain copies of all completed pages.

The professional experience of a lawyer, including representation in court and/or defense against criminal charges, can be confirmed by a copy of the lawyer

practicing certificate, a copy of the extract from the register of lawyers, and the following documents:

a. contracts, warrants or other documents certifying the defense lawyer's authority to provide legal assistance in the framework of his/her professional activity;

b. declarations of income from professional activity as a self-employed person or an individual entrepreneur;

c. certificates from the place of work, about wages, employment record booklet – for persons practicing law while being part of a legal entity or an association of lawyers;

d. documents confirming income in the period of professional activity as a defense lawyer;

e. copies of court decisions and other procedural documents, which together allow establishing the lawyer's participation in the case (proceedings);

f. other documents submitted in accordance with the terms of the competition.

The professional experience of a lawyer, including representation in court and/or defense against criminal charges, who carried out such activities before the entry into force of the Law of Ukraine "On the Bar and Practice of Law" of December 19, 1992, № 2887-XII, shall be confirmed by a duly certified copy of the decision on admission to the Bar Association.

The documents shall be submitted for the period of work, with which the candidate confirms the professional experience as a lawyer.

An academic degree in law obtained at a higher education institution (university, academy or institute, except for higher military education institutions) or a Ukrainian academic institution, or in a similar higher education institution or academic institution of a foreign country shall be confirmed by copies of the relevant diplomas.

A scientific degree obtained in a higher education institution or an academic institution of a foreign state shall be recognized in Ukraine in accordance with the procedure established by law.

Experience in academic work in the field of law as a research (scientific and pedagogical) employee at a higher education institution (university, academy or institute, except for higher military educational institutions) or a Ukrainian academic institution or a similar higher education institution or academic institution of a foreign country, as a court staff member (chief specialist, scientific consultant, head of a structural unit), whose job duties include exclusively research and analytical activities in the courts of Ukraine (analysis of draft laws, systematization and summarizing of judicial practice, provision of analytical assistance to judges on law enforcement issues) under the condition they have an academic degree, on the positions of the teaching staff of the National School of Judges of Ukraine under the condition of having an academic degree, as well as (full-time) study time in post-graduate or doctoral studies, under the condition of public defense of a thesis, may be confirmed by:

g. employment record book, employment contracts;

h. job description of a court staff member;

i. documents confirming the length of academic work in the field of law as a research (pedagogical) employee in a higher education institution or a scientific institution of a foreign country;

j. other documents submitted in accordance with the terms of the competition.

The professional experience of an intellectual property representative (patent attorney) shall be confirmed by a certificate of an intellectual property representative (patent attorney), a copy of an extract from the State Register of Intellectual Property Representatives (Patent Attorneys), alongside the following documents:

k. contract, power of attorney or other document confirming the authority in accordance with the law and certifying the person's authorization to represent him/her in intellectual property matters;

l. declaration of income from professional activities – for a self-employed person or an individual entrepreneur;

m. certificates from the place of work, salary, employment record book – for persons who provide representation in intellectual property matters as part of a legal entity or a law firm;

n. copies of court decisions and other documents;

o. other documents submitted in accordance with the terms of the competition;

5) forms of documents from medical institutions on psychiatric and narcological examinations shall be established by the central executive authority responsible for the formation of state policy in the field of health care.

Such a document shall be received after the Commission has made a decision to announce the competition;

6) written consent to a special check in accordance with the Law;

7) a copy of the declaration of a person authorized to perform the functions of the state or local self-government.

A declaration filled out and signed on the official website of the National Agency on Corruption Prevention (Type "Candidate for office" with the name or level of court in the field "Place of work or service (or place of future work or service for candidates)" and "judge" in the field "Position held (or position to be held by the candidate)") shall be printed out. The declaration shall cover the period of the year preceding the year of submission. If a judicial candidate has already submitted an annual declaration to the Unified State Register of Declarations of Persons Authorized to Perform the Functions of State or Local Self-Government, which fully covers the previous year, the judicial candidate's declaration for this period is not required.

A copy of the declaration, which shall contain information with restricted access (not subject to public disclosure), shall be submitted to the Commission.

A copy of the declaration of a person authorized to perform the functions of the state or local self-government shall also be provided to the Commission with a link to the relevant page of the Unified State Register of Declarations of Persons Authorized to Perform the Functions of the State or Local Self- Government.

If access to the Unified State Register of Declarations of Persons Authorized to Perform the Functions of State or Self-Local Government is restricted, or if the candidate belongs to the category of declaring entities whose declarations are not publicly available, a link to the relevant page shall not be provided;

8) to confirm the appropriate level of proficiency in the state language established by the National Commission on State Language Standards, an extract from the Register of State Certificates of Proficiency in the State Language or a copy of the State Certificate of Proficiency in the State Language shall be submitted.

The Commission shall also be provided with a link to the certificate on the page of the Register of State Certificates of Proficiency in the State Language;

9) other documents:

a) confirming that the judicial candidate meets certain requirements of Article 69 of the Law:

- an extract from the information and analytical system "Accounting of information on bringing a person to criminal liability and having a criminal record". Such a document shall be obtained after the Commission has made a decision to announce the competition;

- a certificate of the results of the inspection specified by the Law of Ukraine "On Purification of Power" (if any);

- recommendations characterizing the judicial candidate and testifying to his/her compliance with the requirements of Article 69 of the Law (if any). Such a document shall be received after the Commission has made a decision to announce the competition;

b) that are necessary to conduct a special check:

- curriculum vitae as of the date of consent to the special inspection;

- a copy of the military registration document with a copy of all filled-in pages (if any);

- a copy of the certificate of access to state secrets, drawn up in the form prescribed by the legislation on state secrets (if any);

- a copy of the document confirming registration in the State Register of Individual Taxpayers (pages of the passport of a citizen of Ukraine – for a person who, due to his/her religious beliefs, refuses to receive a registration number of the taxpayer's account card, has notified the relevant supervisory authority, and has a corresponding mark in his/her Ukrainian passport;

- a statement provided for in part one of Article 6 of the Law of Ukraine "On Purification of Power";

10) requirements for scanned copies of documents:

a. PDF format;

b. each document shall be saved as a separate file;

c. a copy shall be made from the original version of the document held by the candidate;

d. a copy of a document shall be of good quality, readable, and fully and clearly reflect information regardless of its content;

e. the file name of the document shall contain the surname, initials and year of birth of the person submitting it, as well as the full name of the document (for example: “Shevchenko I.I. 1977. Copy of the passport of a citizen of Ukraine”);

11) other requirements for the execution and submission of documents (materials) may be determined by the terms and conditions of the competition.

3.5. To confirm one year of academic work experience, experience as an attorney or experience as a professional representative in intellectual property matters (patent attorney), a judicial candidate shall submit one to three documents confirming such experience.

3.6. Information contained in the documents (materials) submitted by the candidate for participation in the competition shall be true, accurate, complete, up-to-date and reliable.

Minor deficiencies in the content of the documents submitted by a person shall not give grounds for denial of admission to the qualification evaluation and/or participation in the competition. Minor deficiencies are those that do not impede the understanding of the content of the documents submitted by the person.

3.7. The person submitting the documents to the Commission shall be responsible for the accuracy of the documents submitted to the Commission and their proper drafting. Provision of inaccurate (incomplete) information may result in termination of participation in the competition.

3.8. In case of change of surname, name, patronymic, the candidate at any stage of the competition shall immediately notify the Commission by submitting a relevant application, which shall be accompanied by copies of supporting documents.

3.9. The application and the documents attached thereto shall not be returned, unless otherwise determined by the Commission’s decision.

3.10. The application and documents for participation in the competition for a vacant judicial position shall be submitted by the candidate in electronic form through the official website of the Commission by filling in the relevant forms, templates, uploading electronic documents or scanned copies of documents in the form of files.

An application for participation in the judicial career procedure (qualification evaluation and/or participation in the competition), a candidate’s application form, a motivation letter, and consent to the collection, storage, processing, and use of information about the candidate to assess his or her readiness to work as a judge shall be submitted by the candidate by marking and/or filling out a special form of the relevant documents.

The algorithm for submitting an application and documents shall be determined by the functionality of the relevant subsystem of the Commission.

The application and documents submitted for participation in the competition for a vacant judicial position shall be signed by the candidate with a qualified electronic signature (hereinafter referred to as the QES), which certifies their authenticity.

3.11. Processing of electronic documents for participation in the competition shall be carried out using the functional capacity of the relevant subsystem of the Commission.

3.12. Information on the submission by a candidate of an application and documents for participation in the competition for a vacant position of a judge shall be published on the official website of the Commission.

3.13. A candidate may submit only one application for participation in the competition within the time limit set by the Commission and within the framework of the announced competition.

In case of withdrawal of the submitted application, a second application within the same competition is not allowed.

Chapter 4
REVIEW OF SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS

4.1 Based on the documents submitted by the candidate, the Commission member-rapporteur shall conduct a check:

1) for compliance of the persons who applied for participation in the competition with the requirements for candidates to a judicial position of a relevant court;

2) of the candidate's compliance with the deadline and procedure for applying for participation in the competition established by the terms of the competition;

3) of submitted documents for compliance with the list and requirements for their execution.

4.2. Based on the results of the inspection carried out by the Commission member-rapporteur, the Commission board shall make a decision on admission to the qualification evaluation and/or participation in the competition.

The candidate's participation in the consideration of such an issue shall not be mandatory.

Information on the results of consideration of the issue of admission of candidates to the qualification evaluation and/or participation in the competition shall be published on the official website of the Commission.

4.3. The application and documents of a candidate for a local court judgeship shall be attached to his/her dossier as a candidate for a judgeship.

The application and documents of a judge who has expressed his/her intention to be transferred to another local court shall be attached to his/her judicial dossier.

Based on the documents submitted by a candidate for the position of a judge of an appellate court, a higher specialized court or a judge of the Supreme Court, a

dossier of the candidate for the position of a judge is formed.

Chapter 5
SPECIAL BACKGROUND CHECK

5.1. Special background check of the candidate's compliance with the requirements established by the Constitution of Ukraine and the Law shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the Laws of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges", "On Prevention of Corruption", this Regulation, and the Procedure for Conducting Special Verification of Persons Applying for Positions Implying Responsible or Particularly Responsible Status.

5.2. The information on the candidate's compliance with the requirements set forth in the Law shall be subject to special background check, alongside the authenticity of the submitted documents, in particular:

1) the existence of a court decision that has entered into force, according to which a person has been brought to criminal liability, including for corruption offenses, as well as the existence of a criminal record, its removal, or expungement;

2) the fact that the person has been subjected to administrative penalties for corruption-related offenses;

3) the accuracy of the information specified in the declaration of a person authorized to perform the functions of the state or local self-government;

4) whether the person has any corporate rights;

5) health condition (in terms of a person's being registered in psychoneurological or narcological health care facilities), education, academic degree, academic title;

6) the person's attitude to the performance of military duty;

7) prohibition to hold the respective position under the provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On Purification of Power";

8) other information on the candidate's compliance with the requirements established by the Constitution of Ukraine and the Law.

5.3. After making a decision on the admission of candidates to the stage of dossier review and interviewing in the framework of the qualification evaluation, the Commission shall send inquiries to the authorized state bodies.

5.3.1. The list of authorized state bodies and requirements for information to be provided or received for the purposes of special check:

1) The National Police of Ukraine:

a) the presence of a criminal record, its removal, and expungement;

b) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

2) The State Judicial Administration of Ukraine:

a) the presence in the Unified State Register of Court Decisions of

information on bringing the candidate to criminal liability or recognizing him/her as having limited legal capacity or being incapable;

b) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

3) The National Securities and Stock Market Commission:

a) whether the candidate has corporate rights;

b) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

4) The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine:

a) whether the candidate has any corporate rights;

b) availability of information about the candidate in the Unified State Register of Persons Subject to the Provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On Purification of Power";

c) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

5) The National Agency on Corruption Prevention:

a) the presence of information about the candidate in the Unified State Register of Persons Who Committed Corruption or Corruption-Related Offenses;

b) the accuracy of the information provided by the candidate in the declaration of a person authorized to perform the functions of the state or local self-government for the previous year;

c) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

6) The Ministry of Health of Ukraine, relevant executive authorities of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, structural units of the regional, Kyiv city and Sevastopol city public administrations: information on the candidate's health condition (in terms of being registered in psychoneurological or narcological health care facilities);

7) The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, relevant executive authorities of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, structural subdivisions of regional, Kyiv city and Sevastopol city state administrations, central executive authorities to which educational institutions and heads of educational institutions are subordinated:

a) education, academic degree, academic title of the candidate;

b) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

8) The Security Service of Ukraine:

a) the candidate's attitude to the performance of military duty (in case of a person liable for military service or a reservist being registered with the Security Service of Ukraine);

b) whether the candidate has access to state secrets;

c) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

9) The Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine:

a) the candidate's attitude to the performance of military duty (in case of a person liable for military service or a reservist being registered with the FISU);

b) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any);

10) The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine (in relation to military personnelof the Armed Forces of Ukraine), territorial centers for recruitment and social support of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol:

a) the candidate's attitude to the performance of military duty (except in cases of personal qualitative registration of persons liable for military service, reservists of the Security Service of Ukraine or the Foreign Intelligence Service of Ukraine);

b) other information that may point to the candidate's compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of competence or integrity (if any).

5.3.2. The term for providing information at the request of the Commission shall be ten days from the date of receipt.

5.3.3. The Commission may determine an additional list of authorized state bodies, terms and requirements for information to be provided or received.

5.3.4. In case the Commission verifies information through electronic interaction with automated information and reference systems, registers and databases, the holders (administrators) of which are public authorities, other state bodies or local self-government bodies, no requests shall be sent to the relevant authorities.

5.4. From the date of publication by the Commission of the decision on admission of candidates to the stage of dossier research and interview during the qualification evaluation, any persons shall have the right to provide the Commission with information and materials regarding the non-compliance of a particular candidate with the requirements established by the Law.

5.5. If necessary and at the initiative of the Commission member-rapporteur, additional inquiries shall be sent, in particular to other bodies, institutions, enterprises, and organizations, in order to verify or clarify the necessary information regarding the candidate, his/her family members or close persons.

5.6. In order to verify the information on the candidate's compliance with the requirements set forth in the Law and the authenticity of the submitteddocuments, the Commission or a Commission member-rapporteur may take other measures in accordance with the powers granted by law.

5.7. The materials of the special background check shall be attached to the dossier of a judicial candidate.

5.8. The results of the special background check shall be established at the meetings of the Commission's boards, and a corresponding decision shall be made.

5.9. If the Commission has received information that may indicate that a

judicial candidate does not meet the requirements established by the Law, the Commission board shall verify the said information and consider it at a meeting to which such a candidate shall be invited. The candidate has the right to familiarize himself/herself with this information, provide explanations and evidence to refute it.

5.10. If the special background check findings prove such information to be substantiated, the Commission's board shall issue a well-grounded decision on the candidate's failure to meet the requirements established by the Law and terminate his/her further participation in the competition.

Chapter 6
QUALIFICATION EVALUATION OF THE CANDIDATE

6.1. The qualification evaluation shall be conducted in respect of candidates admitted to the qualification evaluation for participation in the competition for the position of a judge of an appellate court, a high specialized court or a judge of the Supreme Court.

6.2. Based on the results of the qualification evaluation of the candidate, the Commission shall decide to confirm or not to confirm the ability of such candidate to administer justice in the relevant court.

6.3. The procedure and methodology for qualification evaluation, indicators of compliance with the qualification evaluation criteria and the means of their establishment shall be approved by the Commission. The qualification evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with this procedure.

6.4. Based on the results of the qualification evaluation, the ranking of candidates for the position of a judge for participation in the competition shall be determined.

The ranking shall be based on the specialization of the court for which the vacant judicial position is being competed for.

The ranking shall be approved by a decision of the Commission and published on the official website of the Commission within three business days from the date of approval.

Chapter 7

DETERMINING THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION

7.1. The competition for a vacant position of a judge shall be aimed at determining the winner – the participant of the competition with the highest position in the ranking.

7.2. In case of equal ranking among a judicial candidates and a judges who have expressed intention to be transferred to another local court, preference shall be given to the participant who scored higher in the qualification examination and practical task on the specialization of the court to which the competition is held, and

in case of equal scores – to the participant who is a judge. In case of equal results in the competition among the participants who are judges, preference shall be given to the participant who has more experience as a judge. If the participants do not have any work experience as a judge or have the same work experience as a judge, preference shall be given to the participant with greater experience in the field of law.

7.3. In case of equal ranking among the candidates for the position of a judge of an appellate court or a justice of the Supreme Court, preference shall be given to the participant who scored higher in the qualification examination conducted as part of the qualification evaluation procedure, testing and practical task on the specialization of the court to which the competition is held, and in case of equal scores – to the participant who has more experience as a judge. If the participants have no work experience as a judge or have the same work experience as a judge, preference shall be given to the participant with greater experience in the field of law.

7.4. In case of equal ranking among the candidates for the position of a judge of the High Court of Intellectual Property, preference shall be given to the participant who scored more points in the qualification examination conducted as part of the qualification evaluation procedure, testing, and practical task on specialization, and in case of equal scores – to the participant who is a judge.

7.5. In case of equal ranking among the candidates for a vacant position of a judge of the Appeals Chamber of the High Anti-Corruption Court, preference shall be given to the participant who scored higher in the qualification examination conducted within the qualification evaluation procedure, anonymous testing and practical task on specialization, and in case of equal number of points – to the participant who has more experience as a judge in the courts of appeal and cassation. If the candidates participating in the competition for the position of a judge of the Appeals Chamber of the High Anti-Corruption Court have the same length of service as a judge in the courts of appeal or cassation or do not have such length of service, the preference shall be given to the participant who has more experience as a judge, and if the candidates have the same experience as a judge, the participant who has a scientific degree, and if both participants have a scientific degree or if both participants do not have a scientific degree, the participant with more experience in the field of law.

In case of equal ranking among the candidates for vacant positions of other judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court, preference shall be given to the participant who scored higher in the qualification examination conducted as part of the qualification evaluation procedure, anonymous testing, and practical task on specialization, and in case of equal number of points – to the participant who has more experience as a judge. If the candidates of such competition have the same length of service as a judge or do not have any, preference shall be given to the participant who has an academic degree, and if both participants have an academic degree or if both participants do not have any, a longer length of professional activity in the field of law.

7.6. The length of service of a judge and the length of professional activity in

the field of law shall be determined by the Commission on the day of determining the winner of the competition.

7.7. The Commission shall decide on the winner of the competition.

The decision shall specify the participant with the highest ranking position or the participant who, in case of the same ranking position as another candidate, has an advantage.

7.8. If candidates, who have expressed their intention to participate in the competition for a vacant judicial position, are absent in the ranking, the competition shall be deemed to have failed.

7.9. Candidates for the position of a local court judge, and judges who are in the reserve and are not recognized as winning the competition shall remainin the reserve within the period of validity of their qualification examination results.

Chapter 8
INTERVIEWING THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION AND MAKING A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A JUDGE

8.1. After determining the winner of the competition, the Commission shall interview him/her at its session.

8.2. The Commission shall notify the candidate of the time and place of the interview at the address (postal or electronic) specified in his/her application or at the place of work no later than ten days before the date of the interview.

8.3. Information about the interview shall be posted on the official website of the Commission.

8.4. During the interview, the data on the candidate’s compliance with the criteria of integrity and professional ethics and related information shall be discussed.

8.5. The interview shall consist of the following stages:

- reporting by a member of the Commission;
- providing the candidate with the opportunity to supplement, clarify, or refute the information provided in the report;
- consistent discussion with the candidate of information on their compliance with the criteria of integrity and professional ethics and related information.

8.6. During the discussion, the speaker and the members of the Commission ask the candidate questions to which he/she provides answers and explanations.

8.7. Interviews with the winners of the competition shall be recorded by technical means and may be conducted via live video broadcast.

8.8. A judicial candidate shall have the right, prior to the interview:

- to familiarize themselves with the materials of the dossier;
- to provide documents (certified copies of documents) or other information that supplements, refutes, or clarifies the data contained in the dossier;
- to provide explanations, including in writing.

8.9. Written explanations shall be submitted by the candidate no later than

one business day before the date of the interview. Oral explanations shall be provided by the candidate during the interview.

8.10. Members of the Commission shall have the right to ask the candidate questions regarding the information shared while reporting, to familiarize themselves with the dossier, to ask questions to the speaker, and to raise issues that have arisen during the review of the dossier with the Commission.

8.11. If necessary, a break may be announced during the interview.

8.12. Based on the results of the interview, the Commission shall adopt:

- a decision to recommend or refuse to recommend the appointment of a judicial candidate;

- a decision to recommend the transfer of a judge (if the winner of the competition for the position of a local court judge is a judge).

The winner's failure to appear for an interview with the Commission does not prevent such decisions from being made.

In the event that during the competition for the position of a local court judge, some facts have been revealed that may result in disciplinary liability of a judge who has expressed an intention to be transferred to another court and has won the competition, the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine, simultaneously with providing a recommendation for the transfer of such judge, shall address before the judicial disciplinary body so that it decides whether to open a disciplinary case or refuse to open it.

8.13. The decision to refuse to give a recommendation on the appointment of a candidate for the position of a judge shall be taken by the Commission if there is a reasonable doubt as to his/her compliance with the criteria of integrity or professional ethics.

If the Commission decides to refuse to recommend the appointment of a judicial candidate, the next candidate in the ranking shall be deemed as a winner of the competition.

The Commission shall conduct an interview with such a candidate at its session.

If the next candidate is not in the ranking, the competition for the respective vacant judicial position shall be considered to have failed.

8.14. The competition for the vacant position of a judge shall be completed by the Commission's decision to recommend the appointment of the candidate as a judge or to recommend the transfer of the judge.

Each decision to recommend a candidate or a judge shall be made individually.

8.15. The recommendations on appointment of candidates as judges and recommendations on transfer of judges adopted by the Commission based on the results of the competition shall be sent to the High Council of Justice in accordance with the number of vacant judicial positions.

8.16. The information on the recommendations made by the Commission is

taken into account when accounting for the number of judicial positions in courts.

8.17. A person who has received a recommendation for appointment as a judge based on the results of a competition may not participate in other competitions for the position of a judge until the High Council of Justice has completed consideration of the relevant recommendation.

Chapter 9
TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION

9.1. At any stage of the competition, the Commission may decide to terminate the candidate's participation based on the following grounds:

1) at the request of the candidate;

2) the candidate was recommended for appointment to the position of a judge based on the results of another competition;

3) the judge has an outstanding disciplinary sanction;

4) establishing that a judicial candidate does not meet the requirements established by the Constitution of Ukraine and the Law (including providing false (incomplete) information during the competition that is relevant for determining the integrity criterion);

5) death of a candidate for the position of a judge.

Chapter 10
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

10.1. In competitions for vacant positions of judges of appellate courts, the High Anti-Corruption Court, its Appeals Chamber, which were started and not completed before the entry into force of the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges" and Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Improving Judicial Career Procedures", documents provided for in this Regulation and required for a special inspection shall be submitted in the manner and within the time limits determined by the decision of the Commission.

Failure to submit such documents shall give grounds for the Commission to decide to terminate one's participation in the competition.