

The International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT)

STATUTES **As of November 2015**

Article 1: Organization

The name of the corporation is International Organization for Judicial Training, Inc. (IOJT).

Article 2: Registration

The IOJT is registered under Section 402 of the Non-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York. The IOJT is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a)(5) of Section 102 of the NPCL and shall be a Type B corporation under Section 201 of the NPCL.

Article 3: Purposes

1. The purposes for which the IOJT is formed are as follows:
 - a. to encourage the establishment of judicial training institutes;
 - b. to promote the rule of law;
 - c. to consider common issues for the training and education of judges;
 - d. to develop machinery for the exchange of judges.
2. In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, the IOJT shall have all the general powers enumerated in Section 202 of the NCPL, and such other powers as are now or hereafter permitted by law for a corporation organized for the foregoing purposes, including, without limitation, the power to solicit grants and contributions for any corporate purpose and the power to maintain a fund or funds of real and/or personal property in furtherance of such purposes.

The IOJT is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and intends at all times to qualify and remain qualified as exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it may be amended (the "Code" or "IRC") and in connection therewith:

- a. The IOJT shall not, directly or indirectly, engage in or include among its purposes any of the activities mentioned in subparagraphs (a)-(v) of Section 404 of the NPCL;
 - b. The IOJT is not formed for and shall not be conducted nor operated for pecuniary profit of financial gain, and no part of its assets, income or profit shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any private individual or individuals, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the IOJT from paying reasonable compensation to any person for services rendered to or for the IOJT in furtherance of one or more of its purposes;
 - c. No substantial part of the activities of the IOJT shall be devoted to the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except to the extent permitted by the Code whether pursuant to an election under Section 501(h) or otherwise, and no part of the activities of the IOJT shall be devoted to participation or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office; and
 - d. The IOJT shall not engage in or include among its purposes any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Code or corresponding provisions of subsequent tax laws.
3. The IOJT will achieve these purposes by:
 - a. Promoting and advancing co-operation among its members;
 - b. Facilitating international exchange of information;

- c. Organizing international, national and local meetings and congresses; providing international assistance.
 - d. Preparing and distributing professional materials;
 - e. Developing educational programs and materials;
 - f. Promoting and conducting collaborative research;
 - g. Developing consensus statements on issues relevant to IOJT;
 - h. Establishing committees to deal with specific issues,
 - i. Pursuing other means harmonious with the purposes of IOJT.
4. The IOJT will advance and promote the study, instruction and training of the art of judging.

Article 4: The IOJT Office

The office of the IOJT will be located in New York.

The books and records of account of the IOJT shall be kept at 300 Newport Avenue, P.O. Box 8798, Williamsburg, VA, 23185-4147.

Article 5: Official Language

English will be the working language of the IOJT.

Article 6: Membership

1. The IOJT shall have members consisting of local, national and/or international judicial training institutes that offer training to potential or active professional judges. Institutes whose purposes, objectives and goals are consonant with those of the IOJT are eligible to be members of this organization.
2. The decision to admit a judicial training institute to the IOJT is made by the Board of Executives at its discretion.

Article 7: Structure

The IOJT will consist of a General Assembly, a Board of Governors, a Board of Executives, a President, Deputy Presidents, a Secretary-General, a Treasurer, Deputy Secretary-General, an Audit Committee, a Nominating Committee, an Academic Committ and additional committees.

Article 8: The General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the governing body of the IOJT. It is composed of the delegates of Member Judicial Training Institutes. The General Assembly meets every two or three years. An extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at any time by the Board of Executives or at the request of at least a third of the Member Institutes. Decisions of General Assemblies will be made by a simple majority vote of the Member Institutes present, unless otherwise provided in the following articles. There will be no voting by proxy.
2. The General Assembly:
 - a. Determines the policies of the IOJT
 - b. Receives the reports of the President, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and the Audit Committee.
 - c. Elects the President, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Treasurer. ~~They shall be members of the Board of Executives. The President, with the advice of the Nominating Committee, shall appoint up to four additional members of the Board of Executives.~~

- d. Elects five Regional Deputy Presidents, one from each of the following regions: Africa and the Middle East; Asia and the Pacific; Europe; North, Central America and the Caribbean; South America.
- e. Authorizes the President to appoint two additional Deputy Presidents as needed.
- f. Elects the members of the Board of Governors.
- g. Bestows honorary titles on individuals.

Article 9: The Board of Governors

The Board of Governors shall consist of up to twenty-five (25) members: The members of the Board of Executives, the Deputy Presidents, and additional members. The Board of Governors will be an advisory body to the Board of Executives. The decisions will be made by a simple majority vote in the minimum presence of 8 members. In the case of parity of votes, the President has a casting vote. The Board of Governors shall determine its procedure and mode of voting.

Article 10: The Board of Executives

The powers of the IOJT between the General Assemblies are vested in the Board of Executives. The Board of Executives shall consist of the President, the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General, the Treasurer and up to four additional members appointed by the President with the advice of the Nominating Committee. The decisions will be made by a simple majority vote in the minimum presence of three members. In the case of parity of votes, the President has a casting vote. The Board of Executives shall determine its procedure and mode of voting. Unless the Statutes designate otherwise, the Board of Executives shall establish all committees, including a three member Nominating Committee, an Audit Committee, and appoint ~~their~~ Committee members and chairs. In the event of a vacancy among the members of the Board of Governors, the Board of Executives has the power to appoint a replacement, pending confirmation by the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Article 11: Officers

The Officers of the IOJT shall consist of the President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Treasurer.

Article ~~12~~11: Authority of the President

The President chairs all meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Governors and the Board of Executives. The President is responsible for the implementation of the decisions of these bodies. The President convenes the General Assembly, the Board of Governors and the Board of Executives and decides upon the agenda of their meetings. The President represents the Organization in all official matters and provides general supervision of affairs of IOJT.

~~Article 12: Establishes the Role of the Deputy Presidents~~

~~Each Deputy President shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Executives.~~

Article 13: Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General

The Secretary General shall act as arranger of the IOJT's conferences. The Secretary General shall create and preserve minutes of all meetings. The Deputy Secretary General will assist the President and Secretary General in planning the scientific program for the IOJT Conferences.

Article 14: ~~Role of the~~ Treasurer

The Treasurer, ~~keeping~~ shall keep accounts, subject to audit, and shall deposit all moneys of the IOJT in the name and the credit of the IOJT in banks or depositories as the Board of Executives may designate.

Article 15: Deputy Presidents

The General Assembly will elect five Regional Deputy Presidents one from each of the following Regions: Africa and the Middle East; the Pacific; Europe; North American and the Caribbean; and South America. The President may appoint two additional Deputy Presidents as needed. Each Deputy President shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the Board of Executives.

Article ~~1615~~: Fiscal year

The fiscal year of the IOJT shall be the calendar year.

Article ~~1716~~: Assets

The assets of the IOJT will be utilized solely to meet its financial liabilities. Organization members, members of the Board of Governors, Board of Executives, the various committees and other officers will not be personally liable for debts incurred by the Organization.

Article ~~1817~~: Amendments of the Statutes

The Statutes of the IOJT may be amended by two-thirds majority vote taken at the General Assembly. Any proposals for a change of the Statutes will be circulated to all Members and have to be submitted to the Board of Executives for its recommendation at least three months before the meeting of the General Assembly.

Article ~~1918~~: Dissolution

1. The dissolution of the IOJT will be decided by the General Assembly at the request of the Board of Executives, or at the request of more than one half of the Members. The General Assembly will, with two-thirds majority, order the dissolution of the Organization.
2. All sums remaining within the funds of the IOJT after liquidation will be distributed equally among the Members.