**Article 3: Purposes**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

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**Explanation:** Current language in Article 3, subsection 2 is a duplication of statutory language included in IOJT Certificate of Incorporation. By removing this unnecessary duplication, purposes of IOJT becomes focus of Article 3.

**Article 4: The IOJT Office**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

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

**Explanation:** The IOJT does not maintain a physical address. Removing the reference to the office of IOJT clarifies that presumption.

**Article 7: Structure**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

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, and additional committees as needed. Members must be affiliated with an IOJT member institution.

**Explanation:** Article 6 of IOJT statutes defines members “as local, national and/or international training institutions that offer training to potential or active professional judges.” The addition of this amendment clarifies that persons serving in the IOJT leadership capacities must be affiliated with an IOJT member institute.

**Article 8: The General Assembly**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

d. Elects six Regional Deputy Presidents, one from each of the following regions:

Africa

Middle East

Asia and the Pacific

Europe

North America and the Caribbean

South America and Central America

**Explanation:** Redefining IOJT regions recognizes the increase in international judicial training institutes. By defining a new region for the Middle East, IOJT creates a dedicated region for these additional institutes. Realigning Central America with the South American region also recognizes existing relationships while preserving the North American/Caribbean network.

# **Article 9: The Board of Governors**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

The Board of Governors shall consist of up to - twenty-one (21) members affiliated with IOJT member institutions The members of the Board of Executives including the IOJT officers and all elected or appointed, Deputy Presidents.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.

**Explanation:** Reenforces the IOJT member institute affiliation established in Article 7.

# **Article 10: The Board of Executives**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

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 five additional members affiliated with IOJT member institutions appointed by the President with the advice of the Nominating Committee. The decisions will be made by a simple majority vote by a minimum 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 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.

**Explanation:** Reenforces the IOJT member institute affiliation established in Article 7.

**Article 11: Officers**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

The Officers of the IOJT elected by the General Assembly shall consist of the President, Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General and Treasurer, who are all affiliated with an IOJT member institution.

**Explanation:** Reenforces the IOJT member institute affiliation established in Article 7.

**Article 15: Deputy Presidents**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

The General Assembly will elect six Regional Deputy Presidents who are affiliated with a IOJT member institution. One from each of the following Regions:

* Africa
* Middle East
* Pacific
* Europe
* North America and the Caribbean
* South America and Central 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.

**Explanation:** Reenforces the creation of a new region for the Middle East and realigns Central America with South America.

# **Article 16: Nominating Committee**

**Proposed Statute Amendment**

**Committees**

1. Nominating Committee

The Board of Executives shall appoint a three-member Nominating Committee from the Board of Executives chaired by the Deputy Secretary General. The Nominating Committee shall coordinate the election of IOJT officers.

1. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall be compromised of three members appointed by the Board of Executives. The Committee shall periodically review the financial statement of the IOJT.

1. Other Committees

The Board of Executives may appoint other committees as necessary to achieve the purpose of the IOJT.

**Explanation:** Clarifies the purpose and creation of the Nominations & Audit Committees and organizes all committee language into one Article.