



## **The International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT)**

### **STATUTES**

**As of November 2022**

**IOJT 2022, Ottawa Ontario Canada**

#### **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 institutions;
  - 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. 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.
3. The IOJT will advance and promote the study, instruction and training of the art of judging.

#### **Article 4: The IOJT Office**

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 institutions that offer training to potential or active professional judges. Institutions 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 institution to the IOJT is made by the Board of Executives at its discretion.

## **Article 7: Structure**

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

## **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 Institutions. 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 Institutions. Decisions of General Assemblies will be made by a simple majority vote of the Member Institutions 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.
  - 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. Bestows honorary titles on individuals.

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

The Board of Governors shall consist of the Board of Executives, Regional Deputy Presidents and up to four At Large Governors appointed by the President, with the advice of the Nominating Committee. All members of the Board of Governors must be affiliated with an IOJT member institution. The Board of Governors will serve as an advisory body to the Board of Executives, coordinate communication with IOJT member institutions, encourage new membership, conduct regional workshops and convenings and support initiatives to meet the mission of IOJT. Quorum of the Board of Governors will be a simple majority and decisions can be made with participation of 50% of the Governors. In case of parity of votes, the President may cast deciding vote. The Board of Governors shall determine its procedures 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, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, Treasurer and up to five additional Executives 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.

**Article 11: Officers**

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.

**Article 12: 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 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 and serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

**Article 14: Treasurer**

The Treasurer 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; Asia and the Pacific; Europe; North Central America and the Caribbean; 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 16: 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 IOJT elections.

**2. Audit Committee**

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

**3. Other Committees**

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

**Article 17: Fiscal Year**

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

**Article 18: 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 19: 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 20: 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.

### Commentary

*In order to clarify the requirements to serve on the IOJT Board of Governors (Article 9), the Board of Executives (Article 10), or to serve as an Officer (Article 11), the IOJT General Assembly revised the IOJT Statutes in 2022 to establish an **affiliation** requirement for persons wishing to serve in those positions.*

**Article 9: Board of Governors** – *All members of the Board of Governors must be affiliated with an IOJT member institution.*

**Article 10: The Board of Executives** – *The Board of Executives shall consist of the President, Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary General, Treasurer and up to five additional Executives affiliated with an IOJT member institution appointed by the President with the advice of the Nominating Committee.*

**Article 11: Officers** – *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.*

**IOJT Membership** - *The IOJT shall have members consisting of local, national, and/or international judicial training **institutions** that offer training to potential or active professional judges.*

*Based upon Article 6 of the IOJT Statutes, IOJT is an International Organization consisting of institutions NOT individuals. In order to serve as an Officer (Article 11) or as a member of the Board of Executives (Article 10) or Board of Governors (Article 9) a person must have an **affiliation** (official connection, relationship or attachment) to a member Institution.*

*The IOJT Executive Committee has defined **affiliation** as “an official connection, a professional relationship, attachment or association.”*

### **Examples of affiliation:**

- Employment*
- Active/current participation*
- Official governance position or connection*
- Recognized/titled relationship*

### **Examples of relationships not meeting the definition of affiliation:**

- Consultant status*
- Periodic involvement (occasional/infrequent faculty)*
- Informal interaction*

*In order to meet the IOJT Statutes, IOJT officers and Board members must be actively connected to a member Institution and be regularly involved in participating in those activities identified in Article 3.*