

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine in September 2025



The competition for the Zhytomyr and Sumy Courts of Appeal has been completed. Fifty-six persons applied to participate in the competition (29 persons for 14 vacant positions of judges in the Zhytomyr Court of Appeal; 27 persons for 21 vacant positions of judges in the Sumy Court of Appeal). Based on the results of the competition for positions of judges at the Zhytomyr Court of Appeal, 14 candidates were recommended for appointment, and 19 candidates were recommended for positions of judges at the Sumy Court of Appeal.

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Stage III of the qualification exam for candidates for positions of local court judges – cognitive abilities testing – has been completed:

604 persons were admitted to the testing (administrative courts), 400 persons continue to participate in the selection process: 21 judges and 379 candidates;

751 persons were admitted to the testing (commercial courts), 411 persons continue to participate in the selection process: 22 judges and 389 candidates;

4,489 persons were admitted to testing (general courts), 2,851 persons continue to participate in the selection process: 191 judges and 2,660 candidates.

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Stage IV of the qualification exam has been scheduled for 3,662 candidates for the positions of local court judges – completion of a practical assignment in the specialisation of the relevant court.

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158 persons have been admitted to the competition for 23 vacant positions of judges in the High Anti-Corruption Court, and a qualification assessment has been scheduled. On October 01, 2025, candidates will begin the qualification exam. The first stage will be a test of knowledge of the history of Ukrainian statehood.

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For the purposes of qualification assessment, an Expert Council has been established to assist the Commission in determining whether candidates for positions as judges of the Specialised Circuit Administrative Court and the Specialised Administrative Court of Appeal meet the criteria of integrity and professional competence. The Expert Council consists of six members: three persons nominated by the Council of Judges of Ukraine and three persons nominated by international (foreign) organisations.

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The Regulation on Regular Assessment of Judges, developed in accordance with Article 90 of the Law of Ukraine “On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges” as provided for in paragraph 1.3 of the Roadmap on the Rule of Law, has been approved.

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