

Judiciaries Worldwide: An Online Resource on Comparative Judicial Practice by the Federal Judicial Center

Contributor's Guide

<u>Judiciaries Worldwide</u> was created to broaden judges' knowledge about how countries structure their judicial systems. National judiciaries have varied histories and legal cultures. Judiciaries Worldwide explores these traditions and offers insights about different approaches to court procedure and judicial administration, as well as information about international institutions. The site presents information through summaries and graphics, with references included to encourage more in-depth study. *The site is not for articles or papers.*

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<u>Country Profiles</u> offer an overview of national court systems. They begin with a short introduction that offers historical information and interesting facts about the country. The profiles include information about court structure and jurisdiction, judicial selection, judicial administration, and other areas such as specialized courts. Each profile has at least one (or more) "focus features" that highlight a recent reform initiative or distinctive

attribute of the justice system. Examples include the description of India's *suo moto* petition and Canada's sentencing circles. There is no single type of focus feature and most national judiciaries have a quality or tradition that will be of interest to judges from other countries.

Suggestions

JW seeks content that will enrich any of the topical categories (Legal Traditions, Courts, Judges, Civil, Criminal, International) as well as new country profiles, more in-depth exploration of rule of law and international law issues, and terms of art or practice to include in the <u>Quick</u> <u>Questions</u> section.

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