

Prevention and Fight against Corruption in Justice. Primary Objective in System Reform

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Abstract

The prevention and combating of corruption in the justice system is a priority objective in system reform. The legal system is designed to ensure the supremacy of law, protection of rights and freedoms of citizens and the presence of corruption there, paradoxical indeed, can damage the most important social values.

It is an incontrovertible fact that corruption has become part of the daily activity of the justice system. This system, which must fight corruption, has become an ally with. While it is clear that not all judges and prosecutors are corrupt, there is no doubt that the phenomenon is present in all the courts and prosecution offices throughout the country and at all levels.

Can we combat this phenomenon? With the proper determination yes. The fight against corruption is possible, but to achieve this all strategies must be prepared in accordance with the realities of each country. Each step should be coordinated with the entire plan of action. For example, just raising the salaries of judges and other court officials, and no other measures, will ever manage to eliminate corruption in justice. Given that judges have an important role as they are the judicial decision-making, they still are part of a long chain of influential people in a process, viz corruption strategies should include not only the judiciary (judges) but also advocates, police, prosecutors, and agencies charged with the enforcement of judgments.

This paper will treat in a concise and analytic way the level of corruption in the justice system so we can identify the problems of this phenomenon and what are the concrete measures to be taken to prevent it.

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