

New Supreme Court Justices were elected

After reaching consensus among the three political forces with the largest representation in the National Congress, the Libertad y Refundación Party (Libre), the National Party (PN) and the Liberal Party (PL), fifteen Justices were elected to the new Supreme Court (CSJ).

The election was held on February 16, 2023, after four failed attempts to reach consensus, which began on January 25 of this year.

The list of candidates presented by the

Liberal Party was approved with the vote of 117 deputies of the different political forces.

The representatives of the Salvador de Honduras Party (PSH) abstained from voting for the Liberal Party's proposal, as they considered that it included candidates who had been accused

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of various irregularities.

The Court is composed of eight women and seven men, including the first Justice of African descent.

In the first session of Justices, they elected lawyer Rebeca Lizette Raquel Obando, proposed by the Libre party, as the new president of the CSJ.

The 15 magistrates will serve for the period 2023-2030.

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The executive director of the National Anticorruption Council (CNA), the lawyer Gabriela Castellanos, participated in the inauguration of the V version of the Colombian Professorship, belonging to the National University of Colombia (UNC), which is called: "Citizenship, integrity and the fight against corruption".

In her speech, Castellanos said:

[...] The future does not move under the rubble of a plundered country, worse, over a fraudulent democracy or with the weight of a citizenry that settles for the crumbs that fall from the prosperous and active mafia that misgoverns us in this belt of misery called America. We have kept a silence quite like mediocrity! [...].

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JUSTICES WERE ELECTED WITH 117 VOTES. THE PLENARY OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS SWORE IN THE NEW JUSTICES.

Legal analysis of the CNA: Luis Redondo's speech on the constitutional term of the Supreme Court

The National Anticorruption Council (CNA) published an analysis entitled: «Dissertation by Luis Redondo on the constitutional term of the Supreme Court», to inform the population about the alleged breach of the constitutional order, as the Justices who were due to finish their term on February 11, 2023, continue in office.

The document, which was published in the CNA ConTexto format, analyzes each of the points made by Redondo in the second session where the election of the Supreme Court Justices was attempted.

Redondo argued that the Congress does not have the power to extend the term of the magistrates, so that the constitutional order would be broken if they continued to exercise their functions.

The analysis was based on Articles 311, 314 and 242 of the

Constitution, Article 80 of the Organic Law of the Legislative Branch and Article 115, paragraph 7 of the Law of Organization and Powers of the Judiciary.

The CNA considered that Redondo's statement did not apply to the context of that moment, because the supreme norm omits what will happen when the term of the CSJ Justices ends and their substitutes have not been elected.



CNA analyzed the new figure of Substitute Justices or members



The National Anticorruption Council (CNA) published the analysis: "Substitute Justices or members of the plenary of the Supreme Court of Justice (CSJ)", in relation of this new figure that created conflict between the different benches, but was resolved with a distribution of positions.

The new plenary of the Court approved a set of amendments to Articles 5, 6, 8, 8, 15 and 16 of the Internal Regulations of the CSJ, contained in Agreement No. 04-02 of June 20, 2002.

The main purpose of the reforms is the appointment

or designation of substitutes in the Court, formally called «Substitute Justices or members», to replace the proprietors in case of temporary absences or legal incapacities.

The CNA's questioning focused on the mechanism for the creation of the member Justices, which due to the nature of their responsibilities and functions should be through a constitutional reform.

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Two weeks later, member Justice Juan Wilfredo Castellanos Hipp resigned due to his lack of authority to contribute to the solution of the problems in the judicial system.

Closing of the tenth edition of the Youth Anti-Corruption Internship

The National Anticorruption Council (CNA), closed the tenth edition of the Youth Anti-Corruption Internship, a training program in which 22 law students from different universities in the capital were trained in topics such as anti-corruption, ethics, and accountability.

During 12 weeks, the modules were taught by CNA staff, with the purpose of providing tools that help the professional growth of future lawyers.

