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HIGH JUDICIAL COUNCIL

DECISION

ON APPOINTING THE JUDGES FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF THE JUSTICE CASES FOR JUVENILES

In reliance on Article 147, a of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, and Article 23, par 4, par 7, of the Law no 98/2016 "On the Organization of Judicial Power in the Republic of Albania", Article 3, par 4 and 5, Articles 27, 28 and 140, par 5, of the Law no 37/2017 'Code of Criminal Justice for Juveniles', upon the proposal of the Commission of Evaluation Ethics and Professional Activity, the High Judicial Council,

INSTRUCTS:

1. The courts of first instance and courts of appeal of general jurisdiction must appoint at least 3 judges to adjudicate criminal cases with offending juveniles or juvenile victims of criminal offenses, as long as, due to the number of judges in the these courts, no specialized sections for the adjudication of these cases with at least 6 judges, can be set up to adjudicate these cases.
2. Where the number of judges in the courts of first instance and courts of appeal of general jurisdiction is less than or equal to 3, all the three judges shall be assigned to adjudicate criminal cases with offending juveniles or a juvenile victim of a criminal offense.
3. Judges appointed under points 1 and 2 of this instruction, as well as juvenile section judges, shall, in order to get specialized, attend continuous training programs in the field of Juvenile Justice.

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4. The list of judges designated as above and any amendments thereto shall be notified to the High Judicial Council and the School of Magistrates in order to update the list of judges specializing in the field of Juvenile Criminal Justice and their continuous training.
5. The Councils of Courts shall be responsible for the implementation of this binding instruction.

This instruction shall enter into force immediately upon its publication on the official website of the High Judicial Council.