

## 2022 QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE FOURTH STUDY COMMISSION OF THE IAJ-UIM

### Judicial Workplace and Judicial Independence/ Georgia

**What is the impact on judicial independence of the judicial workplace (including nomination and appointments, independence in decision making, governance, assignments, fund and other in decision making, governance, assignment, fund and other resources?)**

Georgia's Courts of First Instance function as district (city) Courts. In the municipality a district court is established, while the self-governing city has a city court. A municipality may be included in a city court's jurisdiction along with the self-governing city. A district (city) court is established and its area of operation is determined by a decision of the High Council of Justice of Georgia.

The number of vacancies in each court in a competition for judges of the Court of First Instance is determined separately, and a candidate may submit an application for a vacancy in one or more courts. The High Council of Justice, which votes individually on the applications filed for each vacancy, makes the decision on the appointment of judges.

In addition to the courts of first instance, there are two courts of appeal (court of second instance) and one court of cassation, the Supreme Court of Georgia. Each instance's court has a chairman who monitors the proceedings. At the same time, an independent body, the High Council of Justice of Georgia, works to promote efficient and high-quality justice in the judiciary. General courts are funded by the state budget.