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# To the Competition of the Court of Appeal (Highest Court Of Justice) in the Legal Organization of Timor-Leste (2025)

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### **Abstract**

**Introduction:** Based on article 118 of <sup>the</sup> Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, the Courts are explicitly presented as "sovereign bodies", in art. 67. <sup>of</sup> the CRDTL, the courts must be considered as independent holders of power from the Government by their own constitutional law. Thus, the basic function of the courts is to preserve the rule of law and justice. And it is the function of the judiciary to apply and interpret the laws in order to resolve disputes that may arise under their implementation. Court decisions must be considered as binding and sufficient in themselves in the practice of applying the appellate court in Timor-Leste by laws.

**Research Objectives:** To present to the citizens that our countries are still prepared to function and the supreme court exists, but the law is allowing it to exist in the future, under paragraph a) of no. 1 <sup>in</sup> art. 123. <sup>the</sup> CRDTL and to better introduce the capacity and function of the courts that exist in Timor-Leste, namely the capacity of the supreme court of justice to which the laws are assigned, and will also help citizens to begin to have more knowledge of each sovereign body in the country.

**Research Methodology:** Using the literature review method or deductive methodology, references are made to the authors' readings in books in the library, scientific journals, articles, field research, via the internet and the ideas and opinions of our jurist in the implementation.

**Conclusion:** Citizens can better understand the many decisions that are normally given by the court of appeal in its capacity as the supreme court of justice under its subject matter in the context in which some citizens want to present the appeal to the court of appeal. In Timor-Leste of this supreme court of justice under discussion by law that exists, only the court of appeal according to the Law mentioned in the future will be carried out by (Corte Real AG., et al, 2025).

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### Introduction

### **All Courts in Timor-Leste**

ies with the ability to administer justice in the name decisions of jurisdictional functions are mandatory of the people. It is up to the courts, in which the and prevail over all decisions of any authorities. As court is responsible for interpreting, resolving and for the independence of the courts, any decision judging specific cases based on the constitution of made by the judge cannot be subject to the interest a State. Therefore, in the constitution under the of any person, and cannot be subject to anyone's terms of art. 118. the CRDTL on the jurisdictional instructions, but everything is always in accordance function stated that the courts are sovereign bodies with the laws, which is why this independence of with the power to administer justice in the name of the courts is provided for in art. 119. of the CRDTL. the people, in the exercise of their functions, the Therefore, in the administration of justice, it is the courts have the assistance of other authorities. As courts' responsibility to ensure the defense of the soon as the decisions of the courts are mandatory legally protected rights and interests of citizens, to and prevail over all decisions of any authorities and repress violations of democratic legality and to no. <sup>2</sup> of art. 12th <sup>of</sup> Law No. <sup>25/2021</sup> of 2 December eliminate conflicts of public and private interests. on the Judicial Organization Law. The jurisdic- The courts are a sovereign body and from this pertional function is exercised by the country's judicial spective they must be analyzed with the power of order and has the exclusive competence to adminis- justice. However, the courts have the function of ter justice, apply the laws in a binding and final administering justice and, from this perspective, manner. Therefore, the courts are bound by funda- they carry out a public policy that translates into mental rights and "cannot apply rules that are con- the administration of justice. The courts are, theretrary to the constitution or the principles enshrined fore, the proper, independent bodies subject only to therein" in art. 120. of the CRDTL. Furthermore, the the law, whose jurisdictional function is limited in court is the body headed by a judge or a panel of accordance with the law. This independence of the judges who, at the request of an individual or legal courts, and consequently of the judges, aims to not entity, through an impartial and independent proce- subject judicial magistrates to any pressure or condure, decides, with binding force for the interested ditioning, not being subject to any orders or inparties, the facts that constitute their rights and ob- structions in their decision-making regarding the ligations or that substantiate the issues that the disputes they consider and decide, and court hearcriminal accusation is about, applying the relevant ings are public, unless the court itself decides othlaw to them.

administer justice and the law in a binding and fi- Real AG., et al, 2025). nal manner; access to the courts to safeguard rights presupposes that the protection obtained through The Categories of Courts

pendent of other sovereign bodies of the State, because the decision of the judiciary derives from Applied to all courts, they are only sovereign bod- compliance with laws and the constitution and the erwise, in a reasoned order, to safeguard the dignity of people and public morals or to guarantee its nor-The courts, in fact, have exclusive jurisdiction to mal functioning, they are closed cited by (Corte

the courts is effective. This sovereign body is inde- In the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

(RDTL), there are the following categories of "the Supreme Court of Justice is also responsible courts:

- courts:
- stance;
- c. Military courts.

legal-political functions attributed to it, is always a Court of Appeal. The Supreme Court of Justice will central problem of the organization of the State, re- be composed of the most respected jurists in Timorgardless of the dimensions emphasized in the spe- Leste: career judges, public prosecutors and jurists cific school of judges (technical preparation, func- of "recognized merit". In addition, at least five of tional capacity of the body, function of integrating the judges of the Court must be advisory judges, the constitutional jurisprudence, representation of the highest level of judge in Timor-Leste. And the Suvarious) distancing from partisan political powers preme Court of Justice is headed by a President and the requirement for democratic legitimacy. In chosen from among the judges of the Court by the turn, the constitutional court is like an aeropaus, 'a President of the Republic of Timor-Leste by Law in council of wise men', which can correct political or force in accordance with (Corte Real., et al, 2025). legislative policy errors committed, really or sup-

posedly, by the entities that hold legislative power The supreme administrative and tax court is responamong us. Furthermore, the constitutional court nor- sible for appointing, placing, transferring and promally deals with constitutional seats, under the ap- moting judges of the administrative and tax courts, plication of the laws in force, therefore, in the con- as well as exercising disciplinary action, and is the text of Timor-Leste the law is allowing for the ex- responsibility of the respective higher council. istence of this constitutional court under the terms Thus, in paragraph b) no. 1 of art. 123. of the of art. 123 of the CRDTL. At this moment, this con- CRDTL, says that the supreme administrative, fiscal stitutional court is still prepared and there is an ap- and audit court and administrative courts of first peal court that assumes the role of being the consti- instance. The supreme administrative court of auditutional court that deals with constitutional issues in tors is the supreme body responsible for monitoring the country.

The Supreme Court of Justice is the highest body in it. This Court of Auditors is responsible for monithe hierarchy of judicial courts and the guarantor of toring the legality and regularity of revenues and the uniform application of the law, with jurisdiction public expenditures of the State's general budget throughout the national territory. This Court will before and after its execution, as well as assessing have a dual status as a court of specialized jurisdic- the effective management of the budget and respontion in matters of constitutional justice, given that sibilities for financial infractions under the terms of

for administering justice in matters of a legal, cona. Supreme Court of Justice and other judicial stitutional and electoral nature. The Supreme Court of Justice is currently, however, a court that is still b. Superior Administrative, Tax and Audit Court in existence. Until it is created and staffed, the and Administrative Courts of Tax and First In- Court of Appeal has assumed the functions of the highest court. In this section we will address the constitutional provisions that establish and govern the Supreme Court of Justice, but please note that, The composition of a constitutional court, given its for the time being, these provisions refer to the

> the legality of public expenditure and for judging the accounts that the law requires to be submitted to

the organic law. In this court you can still present **Research Objetives** your opinion on the general state account during the 1. To show citizens that our countries still need to implementation of the General State Budget (OGE). In our reality, these audit courts still exist in function, but the constitution and laws have already defined together a single supreme administrative, fis- 2. cal and audit court here in Timor-Leste, in this case subordinate to the court of appeal. Thus, the administrative, fiscal and audit court accumulates powers in administrative and fiscal matters, in which it functions as an appeals court, with those of monitoring the legality of public expenditure and judging the State's accounts, in which it is the only court **Theoretical Framework** in the small country.

to judge crimes of a strictly military nature. And the law, that is, through a decision, apply the law to this court is founded in our constitution, military the specific case that is brought to court and why it courts, under the terms of paragraph c) of no. 1, in arose. Judges play an important role in maintaining art. 123 of the CRDTL, and paragraph 1 of art. 130. order in Timor-Leste. When the law is broken, the <sup>of</sup> this constitution states that it is the responsibility people of Timor-Leste need to be able to trust that of military courts to judge crimes of a military na- the courts will hear their complaints and respond ture in the first instance. Although there are still no accordingly, in a fair and equitable manner. Theresuch military courts in East Timor, when these fore, the independence of judges is an important courts are created, they will have the authority to constitutional principle. In the exercise of their judge cases related to "crimes of a military nature". functions, judges are independent and must only Or see, they will judge cases with laws and proce- obey the constitution, the law and their conscience, dures that apply only to members of the armed forc- as per article 2. 121. the CRDTL. When the judge es in East Timor. Members of the armed forces are performs his role as a judge he cannot follow the subject to the laws of Timor-Leste like all other cit- instruction of anyone, for his decision may violate izens, unless otherwise stated. Violations or crimes the laws in force. When assessing specific cases, against this law are considered crimes of a military the judge must decide autonomously in relation to nature. The decisions of military courts may be ap- any entity external or internal to the judiciary, pealed to the Supreme Court of Justice. Because the which means that he cannot be subject to orders, supreme court of justice, the highest judicial court instructions, suggestions regarding the cases to be in Timor-Leste must be the supreme court of justice decided, rules to be assessed and their respective currently, at the moment this court does not yet ex- interpretation, or regarding the direction to be folist, but they will need it in the future.

- improve, there is a supreme court, but the law is allowing it to subsist in the future, under (item a) of no. <sup>1</sup> in <sup>art.</sup> 123. <sup>the</sup> CRDTL.
- To better present the competence and function of the courts that exist in Timor-Leste, namely the capacity of the supreme court of justice to which the laws are attributed, and will also help citizens to begin to have knowledge of each sovereign body of the country.

Judges are the only holders of the sovereign body of the courts. Only judges investigated in accord-Military courts are the courts that have jurisdiction ance with the law may exercise the function of say lowed in the decision. The independence of judges is further ensured by the existence of a private body

for the management and discipline of the judiciary natural judge, insofar as it makes it impossible to and by not being subject to any orders or instruc- change and arbitrarily transfer the judge, which, if tions, except for the duty to comply, in fact, with it were possible, would imply, in practical terms, courtesy, with decisions handed down in appeals that the judges' competence would be after the facts by higher courts, as set out in Article 4, paragraph 4 had been committed, which would violate the prinof DL, No. <sup>25/2021</sup> of December 2, on the Judicial ciple of the natural judge. The judge can only be Organization Law.

tives:

- principle of separation of powers.
- 2. Internal or functional independence translates will. into the idea that the courts are not subject to if admissible, in the context of an appeal.

Therefore, the guarantees of independence of judg- the unlawful act, prohibiting courts of expectation es are as follows:

- The Judges Irremovability a.
- The Impartiality of Judges b.
- The Exclusivity of Judges c.

Therefore, the guarantees of irrevocability, impar- cumstances. On the other hand, the principle of the tiality and exclusivity are relative in nature, as they natural judge is a fundamental procedural principle are waived in exceptional situations. Of all the insofar as it arises from the necessary existence of guarantees studied, only impartiality is absolute. prior legal process and refers to all trials. Thus, This guarantee of their independence, judges can- considering this principle as a main principle of all not be held responsible for their judgments and de- judges at the time of exercising their function, and cisions, except in cases provided for by law, under what the judges will decide something they must <sup>no.</sup> 6th of art. 4, of DL, No. <sup>25/2021</sup> of December 2 on do with what the law says, it is not the power of the the Judicial Organization Law.

judge's independence, but also a guarantee of the five assumptions for its verification:

impartial if he is independent, which is why it is said that the principle of impartiality is nothing Independence can be analyzed from two perspec- more than the principle of independence considered from a functional perspective and the depend-1. External or organic independence that trans- ent judge is a judge who is not impartial, the judge lates into the idea that the other powers of the is only dependent on the law and it is this depend-State cannot intervene in the activity of the ence on the general will underlying the law, and courts, in line with what is proclaimed in the not on other guidelines, that allows us to say that he is impartial and is not subject to any particular

supervision by other State powers when mak- The principle of the natural judge is rooted in the ing decisions; this supervision will take place, idea that the judge in a given case will be the one resulting from the application of the law attributing jurisdiction previously existing to the practice of constituted after the unlawful conduct and, therefore, has the purpose of avoiding an arbitrary designation of the judge. This principle states that power belongs exclusively to judges. Neither the courts nor the king may exercise this under any cirking cited by (Corte Real AG., et al, 2025).

The Judges' irrevocability is a guarantor of the Thus, the principle of natural justice depends on

- a. The possibility of previously determining the **Research Methodology** of a natural judge.
- b. The prior establishment of objective and as- the area of specialization. signed criteria of the courts is measured by several criteria, the territorial and the material; the Founding Result the will of the parties.
- c. and branches of judges.
- tation.
- competence of Parliament.

However, the principle of the natural judge is one veto. of the principles that guarantees the independence of the courts and judges and is the fundamental Therefore, the skills of the Supreme Court of Juspoint in justice cited by (Corte Real AG., et al, tice, particularly in the area of monitoring constitu-2025).

competent judge, that is, the possibility of de- Use the literature review method or deductive termining the legal limits imposed on the exer- methodology, references from the authors' readcise of jurisdictional power, what the doctrine ing of books in the library, scientific journals, calls the "measure of jurisdiction", which legiti- international articles, research in the field, mizes this exercise and guarantees the existence through the internet and the ideas and opinions of our national and foreign jurist who are working in

value and some of these criteria can be set aside The Supreme Court of Justice (STJ) issues a deciat the will of the parties, there are limits, which sion in which it pronounces whether or not a rule of guarantees the safeguarding of the judge's im- the legislative diploma under consideration is unpartiality, specifically the rules applicable to the constitutional. That is, the court either considers distribution of cases that cannot be set aside at that the rules under consideration are unconstitutional or considers that they are not constitutional The existence and compliance with criteria that or are not based on the constitution, then the court determine the distribution of cases; the distribu- can dismiss their unconstitutionality in accordance tion of cases by judges and by courts and judges with this legislative diploma. As for the effects of with the same ability to judge the same cases the court's decision, it is important to distinguish guarantees not only impartiality, but also the between two situations: the ruling of unconstitudistribution of work among the various judges tionality and the non-ruling of unconstitutionality. As a result of paragraph 4 of art. 149. of the CRDTL, if d. The guarantee of material justice resulting from the STJ rules that the rule in question is unconstituimpartiality arising from the enshrinement of tional. When the STJ has already declared the unthe principle of judge and natural in implemen- constitutionality of a diploma that the PR requests the STJ to verify the unconstitutionality, in accorde. The competent judge must be in the hands of ance with paragraph e) of art. 85. the CRDTL, in no. 1 the sovereign power, represented in parliament, of art. 88. of the CRDTL The PR may exercise his through the imposition of the inclusion of these right of veto, the right of veto itself, considering it matters in the legislative reserve of legislative as an exclusive capacity of the PR, under the terms of art. 85. that of the CRDTL, and this right of veto always appears in two natures as; legal and political

> tionality and legality, make it relevant that the constitutional text has opted for an intense constitution

alizing of the specific powers of that high court in the constitution" is developed under the terms of the more encompassing area of the so-called art. 149. of the CRDTL.

"constitutional justice" which goes beyond the monitoring of constitutionality, with the following The inspection itself can be preventive inspection list or index of the same:

- STJ regarding its legality.
- various electoral acts;
- their electoral and internal disciplinary acts;
- volved in the referendum procedure.

There are legal powers that guarantee the STJ, following species: which are provided for in our CRDTL and estab- a. Appeal against final decision in civil matters lished in <sup>no.</sup> 2 of art. 124. <sup>of</sup> the CRDTL stated that b. Insults or offenses "the supreme court of justice is also competent to c. Appeal in criminal proceedings administer justice in matters of a legal- d. Conflicts and review of judgments of foreign constitutional and electoral nature", meaning that only the STJ has the power to pronounce any legal- e. Any other unclassified papers or processes constitutional or unconstitutional and electoral acts, in this constitutional and electoral power were pro- All this as one of the competences in which the STJ vided for in art. 126. of the CRDTL, following. can decide through the matters submitted by the Thus, the STJ performs the constitutional and elec- STJ. The jurisdiction in constitutional matters of toral powers provided for in this art., to a large ex- the STJ is provided for in our constitution from art. tent, implementing the provisions of art. 120. of the 126. on "constitutional and electoral competence", CRDTL, regarding the assessment of the constitu- such as, for example, assessing and declaring the

of constitutionality and abstract inspection of cona. The capacity for litigation of constitutionality stitutionality, according to art. 149th <sup>and</sup> 150th <sup>of</sup> the and legality, whereby the monitoring of the CRDTL. Within the scope of the electoral aptitude constitutionality and legality, under various mo- of the STJ, it is responsible for verifying complidalities, of public legal acts is carried out; this ance with the legal requirements demanded of canmeans that the STJ, as the supreme body, has didates for President of the Republic, under the the capacity to verify and confirm the constitu- terms of art. 75. of the CRDTL and Law No. <sup>7/2006,</sup> of tionality of any legal act that will be sent to the December 28 (Electoral Law for the PR), It is also responsible for judging, in the final instance, the b. The ability to handle electoral disputes, assert- regularity and validity of the acts of the electoral ing itself in the verification of the legality of the process, under the terms of the respective law, in addition to the Electoral Law for the PR, under the c. Party aptitude, intervening both in the registra- terms of Law No. 6/2006, of December 28 tion of parties and in verifying the legality of (Electoral Law of the National Parliament). This aptitude is also stipulated in the civil procedure d. The suitability of referendum litigation, as- code, where provided for in art. 186. the CPC, et seq. sessing the regularity of the various acts in- About when and how the distribution is made in the supreme court of justice, while art. 187. of this code on species in distribution in the STJ there are the

- courts;

tionality of laws. The regime of the "guarantee of unconstitutionality and legality of legislative and normative acts of State bodies, and previously veri-

and referendums, exercising all other competences matters, since it prescribes that everyone is guaranjudging in the last instance the regularity and valid- protected rights and interests. The ordinary legislaarticles that cited the constitutional material compe- of equality of the parties. And civil judges are retences, with article 149.

88, § 1), the president is not free to decide whether 68 of the DL, No. <sup>25/2021</sup> of December 2, on the Law or not to veto, while art. art. 150. the ss, of the on the Organization of the Judiciary. The time limit for CRDTL on the "abstract supervision of constitu- filing an appeal to the Supreme Court of Justice for tionality" considering as one of the material consti- criminal matters, based on Article. tutional powers that the STJ can exercise, for example, They can request the declaration of unconstitutionality: a) The President of the Republic; b) The President of the National Parliament; c) The Attorney General of the Republic, based on the failure by the courts to apply a rule deemed unconstitutional in three specific cases; d) The Prime Minister; e) One fifth of the Deputies; f) Ombudsman for Human Rights and Justice. All of this will c. be considered one of the abstract competences that STJ can do. Therefore, abstract review allows the STJ to analyze the constitutionality of a legislative d. act purely based on the text of the diploma. The importance of abstract supervision depends not only on the willingness of the state actors provided for in article 150 CRDTL to use it, but also on the Thus, the parties may file their appeal with the STJ willingness of the Supreme Court to declare the within fifteen days of being notified, and this apunconstitutionality of parliamentary acts.

are dealt with in a case that is of a civil nature, even an appeal to the Supreme Court of Justice on with a case of violation of the fundamental rights of grounds of civil matters as per no. 1st of art. 436. of a citizen. However, the right of access to the courts the Code of Criminal Procedure, the deadline for provided for in Article 126 of the CRDTL also in- filing appeals is ten days from the decision ap-

fying the constitutionality and legality of diplomas cludes the right to access the courts to reduce civil attributed to it in the constitution or in the law and teed "access to the courts to defend their legally ity of the acts of the electoral process, in accord- tor clearly implemented these guarantees in the ance with the respective law, the competences that code of civil procedure, namely, the guarantees of were provided for in this art., there are still some fair trial, the adversarial principle and the principle sponsible for preparing and judging cases of a civil nature and those that are not expressly assigned to Unlike what happens with the political veto (art. other courts or tribunals, under the terms of Article

- The deadline for filing an appeal is fifteen days from the ratification of the decision or the part of the date on which it must be considered to have been notified;
- The appeal is filed by petition or by simple declaration in the Minutes if it concerns a decision given at a hearing;
- The request to file an appeal must always be motivated, otherwise the appeal will not be admitted;
- If the appeal is filed by declaration to the Minutes, the reasons may be presented within fifteen days from the date of filing.

peal must be filed with a simple statement in the Minutes regarding the decisions in the first instance The suitability in civil matters are the matters that court. Meanwhile, regarding the deadline for filing pealed, meaning that within this period the victim and the accused may request an appeal to the STJ. Therefore, considering that this is one of the formal requirements for procedural participants before filing an appeal with the STJ in the event of disagreement with a decision by the first instance court, as well as the municipal courts.

The procedural processing of appeals is a procedural step regarding the processing of the types of ap- • peals studied and is divided into four phases, namely:

- The appeal lodging phase; at this stage proce-• dural appeals are provided for in article 300 of the criminal procedure code, regarding the time limit for lodging, this is the time limit for lodging the appeal is fifteen days from the notification of the decision or from the date on which it must be considered notified, and the appeal is lodged by request or by simple declaration in The admission of the appeal is an introduction to a down.
- ments for this purpose.
- legitimacy to make an allegation within the pro- occur; satisfy the decision of the challenge decided by the reporting judge, the appellant can file an appeal with the STJ, because he considers that

decision to be wrong or unfair. The allegations in criminal proceedings are heard within fifteen days from the notification of the ruling admitting the appeal, the appellant presenting his allegation and the aggrieved party may respond within the same period, counting from the notification of the presentation of the appellant's allegation in accordance with article 477 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The judgment phase; This trial phase begins at the moment when the parties are notified to the court, in this case when the party has filed an appeal with the STJ, through the section that will analyze after notifying the parties to participate in the trial, which will be carried out by the plenary upon their summons to present their unsatisfactory opinion on the decisions of the court of first instance.

the Minutes if it concerns the decision handed procedural phase of rectification, admission, rejection and improvement of the request that was filed; The admission or sanitation phase; the warning the appeal is subject to a preliminary judgment on or correction admitted by the court of appeal, whether it meets the minimum legal conditions to this will be assessed by the reporting judge of be admitted to trial, this judgment formalizing a the constitutional court who will admit it to preliminary order on the admissibility of the rejudgment if it meets all the necessary require- quest to the court. With the present phase of sanitation, verify that the application meets the indispen-The allegations phase; allegations consist of "a sable requirements for the issue of normative validprocedural document in which the appellant ity that constitutes its object to be judged. Once the sets out the grounds for his/her objection, ex- appeal to the STJ (Court of Appeal) has been adplaining the reasons why he/she believes that mitted, it will be assessed by the reporting judge of the decision under appeal is wrong or unfair". the appeal court that admitted the judgment. The The reporting judge of the matter who has the appeal is not admitted when the following cases

cess. Therefore, when the appellant does not a. Grounds for the summary dismissal of the appeal; in this preliminary rejection is equivalent to a procedural decision in which the court in its preliminary assessment or, subsequently, the

ceeding with the trial are not met.

- and the institution of a complaint to the STJ; If CRDTL are; sponding non-admission order can be used to complain to the STJ, which will issue a deci- b. Superior Administrative, Fiscal and Accounting sion that rules on the issue of admissibility.
- Summary dismissal of the appeal by the reportc. ing judge of the STJ and complaint for the con- c. Military courts ference; the fact that an appeal was admitted by a summary decision.

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bodies established on the basis of the constitution, and exclusivity are provided for in article 121 of the under the terms of article 118 of the CRDTL under CRDTL, one of the fundamental principles of all its jurisdictional function stated that the courts are judges, which we consider with the guarantees of sovereign bodies with the power to administer jus- judges that the laws are assigned when we act on tice in the name of the people, in the exercise of some cases. In addition, the typologies of the retheir functions, the courts have the assistance of sources that exist. Therefore, in the future Timorother authorities. As soon as the decisions of the Leste may have the supreme court of justice to imcourts are mandatory and prevail over all decisions plement what is in the constitution based on article of any authorities and no. <sup>2</sup> of art. 12th of Law No. 124 of <sup>the</sup> CRDTL, and the laws are required by the <sup>25/2021,</sup> 2 December on the Judicial Organization country's needs according to (Corte Real AG., et al, Law. So, they will specifically talk about the Su- 2025). preme Court's skills. of the court of appeal (supreme court of justice) to which the laws are References: assigned. In turn, the court with one of the organs 1. CF. Gouveia Jorge Bacelar, Constitutional of the independence of the courts, any decision in which they decided by the judge cannot subject to the interest of any person, and cannot be with the 2. CF See Law No. 25/2021 of December 2 on instructions of someone, but everything always in accordance with the laws, so this independence of 3. CF Brief note on the monograph by Estefania the courts is provided for in article 119 of the CRDTL, cited by (Corte Real AG., et al, 2025).

STJ, refuses to take cognizance of the appeal On the other hand, citizens will know the categobecause the minimum requirements for pro- ries of courts that the laws required to exist in the future about the supreme court of justice that were b. Summary dismissal of the appeal by the court defined, under the terms <sup>no.</sup> 1 of article 123 of <sup>the</sup>

- the STJ does not admit the request, the corre- a. Supreme Court of Justice and other judicial courts.
  - Court and First Instance Administrative and Fiscal Courts,

the STJ does not imply that it is admissible; the Furthermore, citizens will know the principles and reporting judge of the case at the STJ may issue guarantees of judges in which the laws are assigned and for their decisions in which there are often judges who decide based on their conscience and the laws in force. Basically, this idea of guarantees We know that the court with one of the sovereign of judges' independence, removability, impartiality

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