



**Republic of Kenya**



**Judicial Service Commission**

**VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENYA – AMENDED VERSION**

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) is a Constitutional Commission established under **Article 171 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010** to promote and facilitate the independence and accountability of the Judiciary and the efficient, effective, and transparent administration of justice.

Following the declaration of vacancies in the Office of **Judge of the Supreme Court** vide **Gazette Notice No. 380** dated **13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, the JSC invites applications from qualified persons to fill the vacancies pursuant to **Article 172(1)(a)** and as read with **Article 166 (1)(b), (2) and (5), Section 30 of the Judicial Service Act and the First Schedule of the Judicial Service Act (No. 1 of 2011)**.

**POSITION: JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENYA**

**Job Reference Number:** V/No. 1/2026

**Number of posts:** One (1) post

**Tenure of office:** Retirement at the age of seventy (70) years with the option for early retirement after attaining the age of sixty – five (65) years in accordance with **Article 167(1) of the Constitution**.

**Remuneration and benefits:**

Based on guidelines by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission of Kenya, **Gross Monthly Remuneration Package excluding benefits** is Minimum of **Ksh.956,192** and a Maximum of **Ksh.1,268,996**.

### **Functions of the Judge of the Supreme Court:**

A Judge of the Supreme Court shall serve in the Supreme Court of Kenya. The function and jurisdiction of the Court is provided for under Article 163 (3), 4, 5 and 6, Article 168 (8) of the Constitution, namely: -

1. Have exclusive original jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes relating to the elections to the office of the President arising under Article 140.
2. To hear and determine in its appellate jurisdiction, appeals from-
  - (a) the Court of Appeal; and
  - (b) any other Court or Tribunal as prescribed by national legislation.
3. Give an advisory opinion at the request of the National Government, any State organ, or any County Government with respect to any matter concerning County Government.
4. Hear and determine an appeal by a judge aggrieved by a decision of a Tribunal formed under Article 168 of the Constitution, to consider the judge's removal.
5. Consider applications emanating from a declaration of state of emergency.

### **Constitutional and Statutory Requirements for Appointment:**

For appointment to the position of Judge of the Supreme Court, the applicants must possess the following minimum qualifications set out in **Article 166 (2) and (3), of the Constitution**, namely:

1. Hold a law degree from a recognized university or be an advocate of the High Court of Kenya or possess an equivalent qualification in a Common-law jurisdiction.
2. (a) Have at least fifteen (15) years' experience as a superior court judge.

or

- (b) Have at least fifteen (15) years' experience as a distinguished academic, judicial officer, legal practitioner or such experience in other relevant legal field.

or

- (c) Have held the qualifications specified in paragraphs 2 (a) and (b) above for period amounting, in the aggregate, to fifteen (15) years.

(d) Possess the experience required under paragraph 2 (a), (b) and (c) above as applicable, irrespective of whether that experience was gained in Kenya or in another Commonwealth common-law jurisdiction; and

3. Have a high moral character, integrity and impartiality (meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on Leadership and Integrity).

In addition, the applicants should demonstrate a high degree of professional competence, excellent communication skills, fairness, good temperament, good judgment, wide breath of both legal and life experience and demonstrable commitment to public and community service.

The appointment shall be made in accordance with **Article 166 (1) (b) as read with Article 162 (2) and (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010** and **Section 30, Part V and the First Schedule of the Judicial Service Act, No. 1 of 2011.**

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Interested and qualified persons are requested to make their applications by:

1. Filling an **Online Application** for Employment Form available at the JSC jobs portal: <https://jsc.go.ke/jobs-2/>. Applicants should upload soft copies of the following documents to the online application:
  - (a) A letter of application.
  - (b) A detailed and updated curriculum vitae, to include background information such as professional engagement, community service, financial discipline, pro bono activity (if any), involvement as a party in any litigation and involvement in political activity including financial contribution to political party/parties (if any) and any criminal record.
  - (c) Names of three (3) professional references and two (2) character references who can verify and comment about the applicant's past and present employment or engagement; **(please provide updated contacts – email and phone).**
  - (d) Copies of Testimonials, National ID/ passport, professional certificates, and academic transcripts
  - (e) A copy of **Certificate of Admission to the Roll of Advocates.**

- (f) Copy of a Clearance certificate from **Advocates Complaints Commission**.
  - (g) Current practicing certificate.
  - (h) Applicants' recent colored passport-size photographs
  - (i) **Five (5) sample writings** of any professional writings, including but not limited to judgments, advocacy submissions in courts, scholarly writings or any legal publications that the applicants have authored.
  - (j) Declaration of income and liabilities as at the time of making the application, using the prescribed forms. The Declaration of Income, Assets and Liabilities Form JSC 2b can be downloaded from the JSC website – [www.jsc.go.ke](http://www.jsc.go.ke) – Careers.
  - (k) **Public officers** should attach copies of returns of declarations of income, assets and liabilities for the **last three declarations**.
  - (l) **Private practice:** Partners or sole practitioners in private practice should attach certified copies of the audited accounts and tax returns for the **last three (3) years**.
  - (m) **Employment:** Applicants who are employed in private practice or private sector should attach certified copies of their tax returns for the **last three (3) years**
2. Applicants are also **required to forward one (1) hard copy of the completed Application for Employment Form** including copies of all attachments cited above.

The applications must reach the Commission **NOT LATER THAN 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 5.00PM**

#### **NOTES:**

1. Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted.
2. Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be required to carry the following documents during the interview:
  - (i) Valid original clearance certificates from the following bodies during the interview:

- (a) Kenya Revenue Authority,
  - (b) Higher Education Loans Board,
  - (c) Directorate of Criminal Investigation,
  - (d) Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission,
  - (e) a recognized Credit Reference Bureau, and
  - (f) Certificate of Good Standing from Law Society of Kenya.
  - (g) Clearance from relevant professional body.
- (ii) To produce originals of their National Identity card, testimonials, professional certificates, academic transcripts and certificate of admission to the roll of Advocates during interview.
4. The Judicial Service Commission is committed to implementing the provisions of Article 232 of the Constitution on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenya's diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men, women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities.
5. The Commission will verify certificates submitted with respective institutions. It is observed that it is a criminal offense to present fake documents or false information

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