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HIJ in numbers

Out of 203 cases reviewed, 108 decisions were rendered:

75 archiving decisions after initial review

33 archiving decisions after verification

35 verification decisions

Out of 269 cases reviewed, 128 decisions were rendered:

97 archiving decisions after initial review

31 archiving decisions after verification

The citizen at HIJ

During September 2026:

- Welcomed **46 complainants**, which were present personally at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice;
- Has had **18 phone calls** from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or Information on completing the complaint form;
- **13 requests** for information were received.

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In addition to the information published on the website and the simplification of the manner of filing a complaint, a short explanatory video ([click for the video](#)) has also been produced with the support of the OSCE, on how a complaint is filed with the HIJ.

The video, available on the HIJ website, explains 5 things that every person who is dissatisfied with the conduct of a judge or prosecutor should bear in mind:

1. The complaint must be submitted in writing

It may be submitted online, by email, by post or in person at the HIJ.

2. It must clearly explain what happened

The facts and circumstances must be described and the judge or prosecutor identified.

3. The violation must fall within the statutory time limit

It must have occurred within 5 years prior to the filing of the complaint.

4. The HIJ may investigate disciplinary violations

Where there is reasonable doubt of a violation, it may initiate a disciplinary investigation.

5. The HIJ does not change court decisions

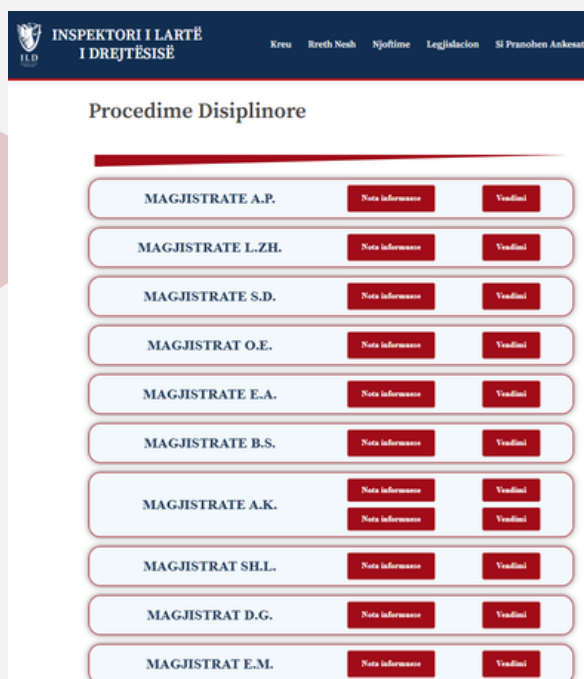
A complaint to the HIJ is not a means of changing a court decision or of obtaining a more favourable one.

Please note:

- Do not confuse a disciplinary complaint with an appeal against a court decision. These are two different procedures.
- If you do not agree with the decision of the HIJ, you may appeal it to the HJC or the HPC within one week of receiving the decision.



FOR EASIER ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE HIJ



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This new section dedicated to disciplinary proceedings is added to the existing section on thematic and institutional inspections. ([Click here](#))

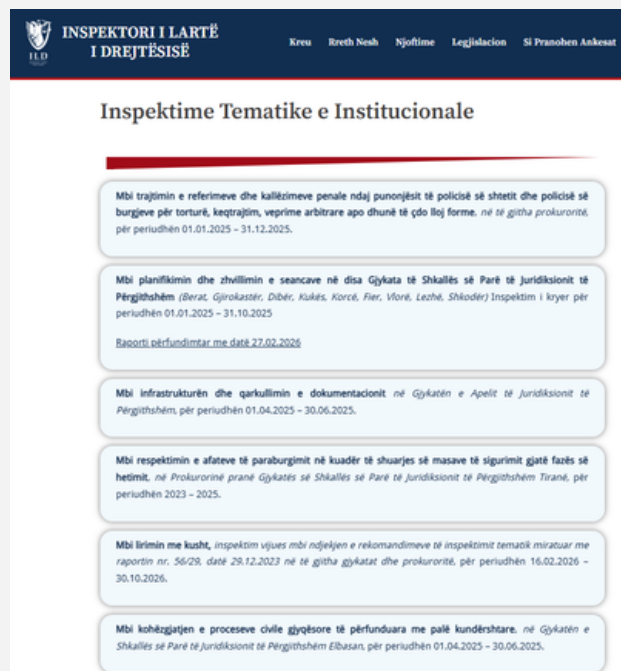
Both of these spaces offer a fuller picture of the activity of the High Inspector of Justice throughout the institution's operation and form part of the HIJ's institutional commitment to strengthening integrity and accountability in the justice system, as part of the dimension of legal education and of informing the public about the institution's activity and the exercise of its legal responsibilities.

The information is also available in the English-language version of the HIJ's official website.

In pursuit of its continued commitment to a transparent, accountable and publicly accessible institution, the High Inspector of Justice has added to its official website a section dedicated to the disciplinary proceedings conducted since the institution became operational, making the information more accessible, better structured and easier for the public to consult.

Information on disciplinary proceedings had previously been published in the press release section, by the date of the proceeding. These data have now been grouped in a dedicated space, which affords the public more direct and organised access to the relevant information. ([Click here](#))

For each magistrate subject to proceedings, this section makes available Information Notes on the case, as well as the decision rendered by the High Judicial Council or the High Prosecutorial Council, providing a clear overview of the disciplinary proceedings and their outcome.



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NEW EUROPEAN UNION AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE

“The new European Union Ambassador to Albania, Ms. Sofia Moreira de Sousa, held an introductory meeting with the High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani. Following the meeting, the European Union Ambassador published the following post on the X platform regarding the topics discussed during the meeting”.

↻ Inspektori i Lartë i Drejtësisë Artur Metani reposted



Sofia Moreira de Sousa
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Strengthening justice reform is key to progress in the EU accession process and for the future of Albania. 1/2



SEPTEMBER OF HIJ IN NUMBERS

During September 2026, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice administered **96 complaints**, from citizens. The Office of the High Inspector of Justice issued the standard acknowledgement of receipt for all complaints entering the institution for the first time during September 2026.

Complaints involving judges and prosecutors were assigned to Inspectors and are currently at different stages of processing, including initial review, archiving, verification, or draft decision issuance.

ARCHIVED	VERIFICATION	DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING
Out of 203 cases reviewed, 203 decisions were rendered: • 75 archiving decisions after initial review • 33 archiving decisions after verification	35 verification decisions	• 3 decisions to initiate a disciplinary investigation for 4 magistrates (prosecutors) • 2 decisions to conclude a disciplinary investigation for 2 magistrates (judges) • 2 requests for disciplinary proceedings for 2 magistrates (judges)

COMPLAINT PROCESS AT HIJ

To facilitate this process for interested persons, HIJ has published on the official website a special complaint form, which:

- Can be completed directly and submitted online;
- Can be downloaded, completed and sent by email to info@ild.al or by mail at the address Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit", Building no.13, Tirana.
- It can also be completed by being present personally at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice and if necessary, asking assistance by the team of the Complaints and Public relations Office.

Within 5 days Upon receiving the complaint, the High Inspector of Justice confirms in writing its receiving.

The criteria for the admissibility of the complaint are published on the official website of HIJ www.ild.al, in the section "How complaints are accepted".



While assisting the complainants

The team of complaints office welcomes citizens-complainants every working day from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm, while for increased communication with interested citizens, in addition to communication through the website and official address.

The Office of the High Inspector of Justice has made available the phone number +355 4 2217217. Coordinator for the right to information is part of this sector.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of **September 2026**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for **15 complainants**, who were unreachable at the addresses communicated by them. In addition to the stands of the HIJ, according to the law, these announcements are also found on our official website and posted in the stands of the municipalities where the complainants come from.



COORDINATOR FOR THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION

In accordance with the principles and rules provided for in law no. 119/2014 "On the right to information", the coordinator for the right to information in the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, enables every applicant the right to be familiar with public information, as well as communicates according to the need with the applicant regarding the processing of the request for public information.

Requests for information are filed by citizens, legal entities, interested groups, and can be sent through the "Albanian Post", e-mail at the address: **info@ild.al**, as well as the e-mail of the coordinator for the right to information: **elis.kuci@ild.al**

The information provided in the transparency program is published and continuously updated in the register of requests and responses, within the legal deadline.

*During **September 2026**, at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, **13 requests** for information were received, which were processed in all cases within 5 days (the law provides that a response must be return to the applicant within 10 days).*

HIJ IN TWITTER



Inspektori i Lartë i Drejtësisë Artur...
@ILD_Albania

🎥 Watch our new video, produced with the support of @OSCEinAlbania, to learn how to file a complaint with #HIJ, how it is reviewed and what rights every complainant has.
👉 Learn about the process and how the #HIJ can assist you! 📌

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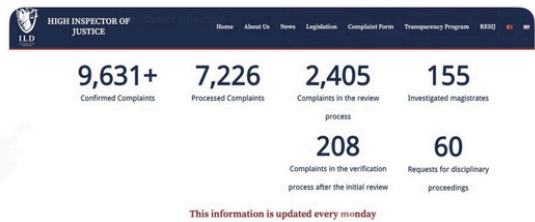
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📌 Weekly Processing of Complaints in #ILD

- ✅ 9631 confirmed
- ✅ 7226 processed
- ✅ 2405 in processing
- ✅ 208 in verification process
- ✅ 155 investigated magistrates
- ✅ 60 requests for disciplinary proceedings

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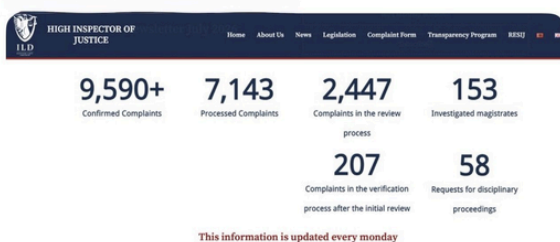
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📌 Weekly Processing of Complaints in #ILD

- ✅ 9590 confirmed
- ✅ 7143 handled
- ✅ 2447 in processing
- ✅ 207 in verification process
- ✅ 153 investigated magistrates
- ✅ 58 requests for disciplinary proceedings

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HIJ, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES TO CITIZENS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST



During August 2026, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice (HIJ) continued its commitment to guaranteeing citizens' access to the institution, to providing information, and to processing the requests and complaints submitted accurately, transparently and in compliance with the requirements of the law.

The Unit of Assistance and Information Coordination and the Archive-Protocol Unit provided uninterrupted service throughout the month, ensuring the receipt, administration and handling of citizens' requests.

During this period:

- **9 citizens** were assisted at the premises of the institution;
 - **8 citizens** received information by telephone;
 - **3 requests for information** were processed by the institution.
- In the meantime, the Archive-Protocol Unit processed a total of **56** complaints, of which **55** were submitted by citizens and **1** by an institution.



VOICE OF THE INTERNS:



Alice Skuraj was born and raised in London, United Kingdom, with family origins in Lezhe, Albania. She is currently studying for an LLB in Law at Royal Holloway, University of London, where she is expected to graduate in the summer of 2027. As a student member of Lincoln's Inn, she is working towards a career at the Bar and hopes to be called to the Bar of England and Wales upon completing her legal training.

Alongside her academic studies, Alice is committed to broadening her legal knowledge through practical experience and international exposure. She also serves as Vice President of the Albanian Society at Royal Holloway, a role that has strengthened her connection to her Albanian heritage and reinforced her commitment to building professional and academic links between the Albanian and British legal communities.

Recognising the value of understanding different legal systems and institutions, Alice undertook a one-week intensive internship at the High Inspector of Justice (ILD) in Albania. For her, this experience represented more than an opportunity to gain practical legal knowledge; it was also a meaningful way to connect her academic and professional aspirations with her Albanian roots. The internship provided a unique opportunity to observe the work of an independent judicial oversight institution, deepen her understanding of the Albanian justice system, and appreciate the importance of accountability, integrity, and the rule of law within the judiciary.

By complementing her legal education with practical experience in Albania, Alice aims to develop a broader perspective on the administration of justice, strengthen the skills that will support her future career as a barrister, and contribute to fostering stronger legal and professional connections between the United Kingdom and Albania. The insights and experiences gained throughout this internship are explored in the following questions.

1. What was your first impression when you started the internship?

My first impression was how distinct the legal working environment in Albania is compared to that of England. From the outset, I was intrigued by the opportunity to observe both the similarities and differences between the two legal systems, particularly in relation to judicial accountability and the mechanisms through which the integrity and independence of the judiciary are safeguarded. Beyond the legal framework itself, I was equally impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the staff at the High Inspector of Justice. The internship offered a valuable perspective on how legal principles are translated into practice within a different institutional and cultural context. As someone aspiring to a career at the Bar of England and Wales, I believe that understanding diverse legal systems not only broadens one's legal knowledge but also develops a more objective and internationally minded approach to the administration of justice.

2. Was there any moment or task that made the biggest impression on you?

One of the aspects that made the greatest impression on me was the welcoming and supportive environment at the High Inspector of Justice. From my very first day, I was taken aback by how friendly and approachable everyone was. There was a genuine sense of teamwork, mutual respect, and friendship among the staff, which made me feel comfortable and included from the outset. I also appreciated the cultural familiarity and hospitality, which made the experience feel both professionally enriching and personally meaningful. This welcoming atmosphere encouraged me to engage more deeply with the work of the institution and to gain a better understanding of the different roles that each member of staff plays in supporting the Albanian justice system. I was particularly grateful to be given the opportunity to research one of the High Inspector of Justice's most significant areas of activity: thematic inspections and the monitoring of the recommendations issued to courts and prosecution offices following those inspections. Exploring this process allowed me to appreciate the importance of continuous oversight in promoting judicial accountability, improving institutional performance, and strengthening public confidence in the justice system.



3. What prompted you to choose the Office of the High Inspector of Justice for your internship?

I was keen to gain practical experience within the Albanian legal system, particularly to better understand how it operates in comparison with the legal system of England and Wales. I first became aware of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice through a networking event organised in collaboration with the British Albanian Lawyers Association and the High Inspector of Justice of Albania. The event provided an insightful introduction to the institution's role in safeguarding judicial accountability and maintaining high standards within the judiciary.

Learning about the High Inspector's responsibilities sparked my interest, as this type of independent judicial oversight is not directly mirrored within the legal system of England and Wales. It presented a unique opportunity to explore an area of public law and judicial governance that I had not previously encountered during my legal studies. I was particularly interested in understanding how the Office carries out its mandate in practice, balancing judicial independence with accountability while contributing to greater public confidence in the administration of justice.

I believe that developing an understanding of different legal institutions is just as important as studying substantive law. This internship therefore offered an invaluable opportunity to broaden my legal perspective, experience a different approach to judicial oversight, and appreciate how comparative legal knowledge can shape a more well-rounded legal professional.

4. What will you take away from this experience?

This internship has reinforced the importance of looking beyond the classroom and understanding how legal principles are applied in practice. It has given me a deeper appreciation of the Albanian justice system, particularly the role of the High Inspector of Justice in promoting judicial accountability while safeguarding judicial independence. Observing these processes first-hand has broadened my perspective on how different legal systems uphold the rule of law.

Beyond the legal knowledge I have gained, I will also take away the professional relationships and cultural connections I developed throughout the week. The welcoming environment and willingness of the staff to share their expertise made the experience both professionally and personally rewarding.

Most importantly, this internship has reaffirmed my aspiration to become a barrister. It has strengthened my belief that understanding different legal systems and institutions is invaluable, and I am confident that the knowledge and perspective I have gained will benefit me throughout the remainder of my legal education and future career.

5. What did you learn during your stay at the High Inspector of Justice that you had not known before?

One of the most valuable things I learned was the important role of the High Inspector of Justice in safeguarding the integrity and accountability of the judiciary. Before my internship, I was unfamiliar with the institution's responsibilities, especially its work in conducting thematic inspections, monitoring the implementation of recommendations issued to courts and prosecution offices, and handling complaints relating to judges and prosecutors. I also gained a greater appreciation of the balance between judicial independence and accountability. As a law student in England, where there is no directly comparable institution, this experience broadened my understanding of how different legal systems can adopt distinct approaches while working towards the shared goal of strengthening public confidence in the judiciary.

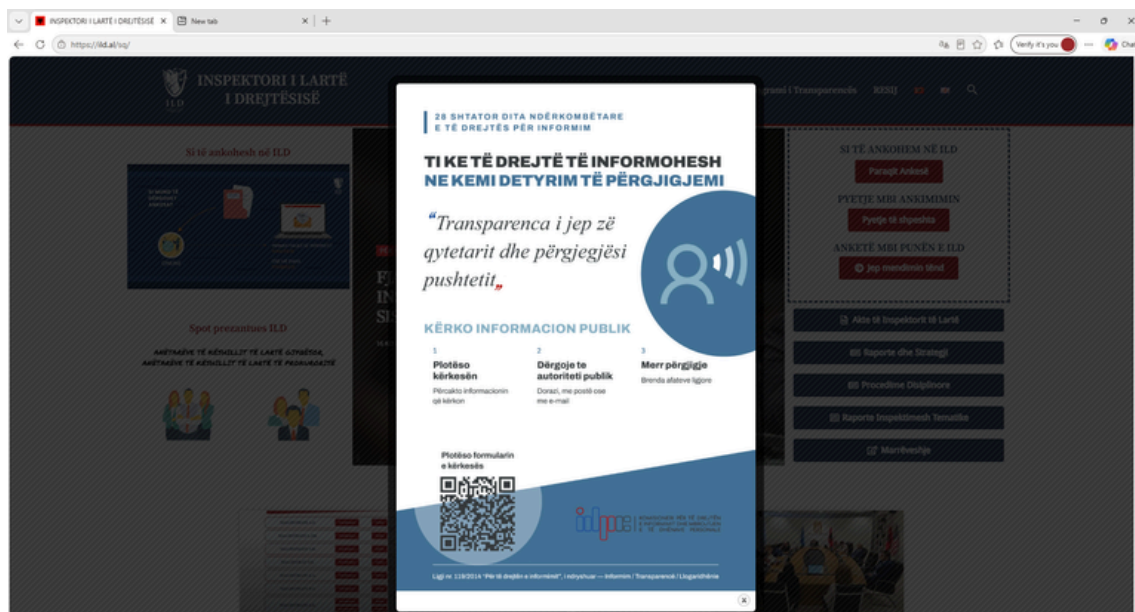
6. How would you describe, in a few words, the working atmosphere in the institution?

I would describe the working atmosphere as professional, collaborative, and welcoming. From my first day, I was made to feel like part of the team, and everyone was approachable, supportive, and willing to share their knowledge. There was a strong sense of mutual respect and cooperation, which created a positive environment for learning and demonstrated the institution's commitment to both professionalism and teamwork.

7. What message would you give to other students or young people who wish to pursue a professional internship in justice institutions, or in the Office of the High Inspector of Justice?

I would encourage every law student to take advantage of opportunities to gain practical experience alongside their academic studies. An internship allows you to see how the law operates in practice, develop professional skills, and gain insights that cannot be learned from textbooks alone. I would especially recommend the Office of the High Inspector of Justice to anyone interested in judicial accountability and the administration of justice. The experience offers a unique perspective on an important area of the legal system while providing the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals in a supportive and welcoming environment. For me, it has been an invaluable experience that has broadened my legal perspective and reinforced my ambition to pursue a career at the Bar.

THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION: A CITIZEN'S RIGHT!



"You have the right to be informed; we have the duty to respond" was the message that accompanied 28 September, International Day for Universal Access to Information. In support of the initiative of the Office of the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice published the awareness material for this day on its official website, joining the shared effort to make the right to information better known and more accessible to citizens.

Beyond being a legal obligation, transparency and the right to information are an important part of a healthy relationship between institutions and citizens. Informing the public, communicating openly and responding to citizens' requests strengthen trust and institutional accountability.

In this respect, every request for information addressed to the HIJ is an opportunity to bring the institution closer to the citizen and to ensure that public information is accessible, clear and comprehensible. A transparent institution is measured not only by the information it publishes, but also by the way it communicates with citizens and responds to them.

For the HIJ, this day is also an opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to an institution that is transparent, accessible and at the service of the citizen, where the right to be informed remains one of the fundamental guarantees of communication with the public.

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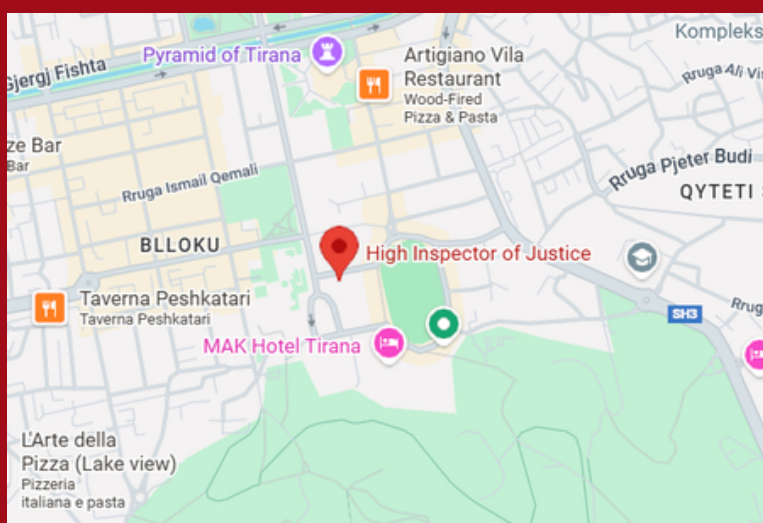
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