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## *Judicial Reform Came into Force*



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### ***The recent amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine regarding justice reform became effective***

On September 30, 2016, the amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine\* became effective.

In particular, the amendments introduce fundamental changes to the structure of the Ukrainian court system.

For more details, please see our Flash report Issue #13 from June 6, 2016.

In addition, the Constitution was amended as follows:

- the institute of constitutional appeal was introduced (i.e. a person can request a ruling for the Constitutional Court of Ukraine if the law applied in a final court decision contradicted to the provisions of the Constitution (if all other national remedies are exhausted));
- judges' immunity is no longer available in case of detention for committing grave crimes;
- the public prosecutors were deprived the general supervision function.

\* The Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (regarding justice)", dated 2 June, 2016 № 1401-VIII