

TITLE: Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Assn. v. Union of India (NJAC) (2016)

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CITATION

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CASE

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FACTS

Challenge to the NJAC constitutional amendment and Act altering judicial appointments.

LEGAL ISSUES

Validity of the National Judicial Appointments Commission replacing the collegium.

LAW / PROVISIONS

Constitutional amendments / statutes creating NJAC; judicial independence / basic structure.

HOLDING

NJAC struck down as violating judicial independence / basic structure; collegium system retained.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Judicial independence is basic structure.
2. Appointment design that compromises independence will fail.
3. Collegium critique continues politically ? the judgment is the legal baseline.

## SIGNIFICANCE

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Definitive modern judicial-appointments basic-structure case.

## PRIMARY SOURCE

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<https://indiankanoon.org/doc/66970171/>

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