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Press release

The Public Commissioner was present today at the Appeal Chamber, while continued the judicial review of the appeal filed against the Decision no 46/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation Mr. Xhezair Zaganjori, the President of the Supreme Court.

The Public Commissioner, in presenting the element of the case, stood for all the ground of the appeal. Regarding the interpretation of Article D of the Annex of the Constitution, the Public Commissioner requested to the Adjudication Panel to refer to the jurisprudence drafted by the Appeal Chamber during the decision making issues related to the assets of the re-evaluation subjects. At the end of his remarks, the Public Commissioner concluded that the subject of re-evaluation, Mr. Xhezair Zaganjori has lacked full disclosure on the criterion of asset assessment and requested the Adjudication Panel to modify the decision no. 46/2018, of the Independent Qualification Commission and his dismissal from office.

The subject of re-evaluation, during his opposing arguments, objected the grounds of the appeal of the Public Commissioner claiming that his assets were created by legitimate sources, and he did not commit tax evasion.

The Panel withdrew on making the decision behind closed doors, to be announced in the next hearing session that shall be held on July 26, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Pursuant to point 1, Article 16 of the Regulation “On the Activity of the Institution of Public Commissioners”, the appeal and elements of the case are published on the official website of this institution: <http://ikp.al/ankime/>

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