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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. 374/2021, of the Independent Qualification Commission, for the subject of re-evaluation, Mr. Shkëlqim Miri, former judge of Tirana Court of Appeals.

During the verification of the parties' presence in the hearing the presiding judge after noticing the absence of the subject of the re-evaluation, also informed the impossibility of the case rapporteur to participate in the court hearing.

With reference to the intermediate decision of the previous hearing, the presiding judge stated that due to objective health issues, the case rapporteur did not participate in this proceeding stage and that under these circumstances, the adjudication panel could not take the final decision, which was expected to be announced in today's hearing session.

Therefore the adjudication panel withdrew to decide for the final decision that will be announced in the subsequent hearing which will be held on October 7, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Pursuant to point 1, Article 16 of the regulation of the Institution of Public Commissioners, the appeal is published on the official website of this institution: <u>http://ikp.al/ankime</u>

The Institution of Public Commissioners has been established and operates under Article 179/b and the Annex of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania and Law No. 84/2016, "On the Transitional Re-evaluation of Judges and Prosecutors in the Republic of Albania".

The Public Commissioners represent the public interest during the transitional process of reevaluation of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania.