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THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RELEASES A NEW WEBSITE

THE APP TC-e WILL ALLOW TO READ AND DOWNLOAD JUDGMENTS OF THE COURT FROM ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Today, the Constitutional Court has released a new web site. This renewed web site is much more dynamic and intuitive, and simplifies the access to the Court's activity and decisions. An opportunity to understand better an institution whose principal aim is protect citizens' rights.

Web site

The new website allows users' access to the General Registry. Actions, communications and writs may be submitted online 24/7. With this updating of the website the protection of fundamental rights is now better covered. The website has been designed by the IT department of the Constitutional Court and all data is hosted in the Court's servers following a specific method that saves costs, not to mention the advantages in copyright and cybersecurity.

The App of the Constitutional Court

One of the Constitutional Court's web site breakthroughs is a mobile application (TC-e) for smartphones and other mobile devices. This App will provide access to the main public contents through every electronic device such as tablets or smartphones. Now every Court's decisions will be within everybody's reach easily.

This new service will put the Constitutional Court case-law and other contents such as press releases, legislation (the Constitution, the Organic Law of the Constitutional Court and the last Annual Report) at the disposal of citizens. It is possible to have access to it through the Court's website where we may also find a free alert service about the Court's latest news. The Court's App is available on IOS and Android and it can be downloaded from the web site and in Apple Store or Google Play.

The building of the App follows an easy and multi-skilled pattern based on simple and flexible access, which optimizes the customer experience. Furthermore, all files will be accessible in HTML or PDF formats.

Amparo appeal Handbook.

The inclusion of a basic guide concerning the *amparo* appeal, is another innovation of the web site. Some FAQs are available to solve more than twenty questions such as *who*

has legal capacity to bring up an action, documents that must be submitted, admission requirements, legal principles protected by this appeal...

Statistical references about the *amparo* appeal show the importance and usefulness of this service. The majority of the appeals filed each year are *amparo* appeals, but only few of them are admitted. Numbers are especially significant: only in 2015, 7,203 *amparo* appeals were received (97.74% of the total amount of appeals filed in the Court) and only 87 of them were admitted. The Last two Annual Reports of the Constitutional Court identify that the most common cause of *amparo* appeals inadmissibility is the irremediable lack of requirements of their requests. For this reason, 65.01% of *amparo* appeals were not admitted in 2014, and 58.93% in 2015.

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