

**GUIDELINES**  
**and**  
**PROCEDURES**  
**of the**  
**Yale-NUS College Judiciary**

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# Filing a Case

## Who can file a case?

Any “member of the public” can file suit in the Judiciary. This includes, but is not limited to, students and student organizations.<sup>1</sup>

## What issues can the Judiciary decide?

Constitutionality of actions taken by the Council, complaints against particular members of the Council, disputes within the Council, disputes which involve the Council, and allegations of government misconduct.<sup>2</sup>

## What issues lie outside the purview of the Judiciary?

Any issue which does not involve the Council or the Yale-NUS College Student Government Constitution. Please also note that the Judiciary is compelled to inform the Office of the Dean of Students of any violations of either the Yale-NUS College Guidelines or the laws of Singapore.<sup>3</sup>

## What powers does the Judiciary have?

The Judiciary can order the Council to cease unconstitutional actions, perform certain duties, and make restitution to a plaintiff.<sup>4</sup>

## How do I file a case?

There is an online form (<http://goo.gl/forms/yrTgaUR6gB>). You may also email your case to [yncjudiciary@gmail.com](mailto:yncjudiciary@gmail.com). Should you decide to email your case to the Judiciary, please include the legal/factual basis for your lawsuit and the relief that you are seeking from the Judiciary.

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<sup>1</sup> Under Article 5, Section 7 of the Yale-NUS College Student Government Constitution.

<sup>2</sup> Under Article 5, Section 4/5 of the Yale-NUS College Student Government Constitution.

<sup>3</sup> Under Article 5, Section 8 of the Yale-NUS College Student Government Constitution.

<sup>4</sup> Under Article 5, Section 4 of the Yale-NUS College Student Government Constitution.

# Processing a Case

## What happens after I file my case?

The Judiciary will, within a week, contact you to follow-up with your case.

## What if a member of the Judiciary is involved in my suit?

Members of the Judiciary will declare any and all conflicts of interest at the beginning of hearings. If they are unable to objectively hear the case, they will recuse themselves.<sup>5</sup>

## If I opted for private arbitration, what happens next?

The Judiciary will contact you and the defendant(s) to establish a time for the case to be heard.

During the arbitration session, if both parties are able to reach a consensus, then the Judiciary will order both parties to comply by their agreement.

If the parties are unable to reach a compromise, then a 2/3 majority of the Judiciary members shall decide the case within a week of its hearing. The Judiciary will communicate its decision to both parties.

## If I opted for a public hearing, what happens next?

The defendant will be notified and both parties will be given adequate time to prepare their cases. The Judiciary will set a date/time for the case to be heard; the hearing for the case will be publicized and open to the public. Once the case has been heard, members of the Judiciary will deliberate. A decision will be released within a week.

## Can I appeal my case?

If a member of the Judiciary is removed from office and you believe that this former member of the Judiciary led to an unfair resolution of your case, you may re-file. The current members of the Judiciary will decide whether or not to re-hear your case. Otherwise, the decisions of the Judiciary are final.

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<sup>5</sup> Under Article 5, Section 5 of the Yale-NUS College Student Government Constitution.