



Excerpts Part 1 from "What does the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation do?"

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What does the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation do?

As the Constitutional Court of Mexico, it administers justice through mechanisms that ensure laws and government actions comply with the Constitution. These mechanisms are processes called constitutional control measures. As the guardian of the Constitution, the Court:

- Maintains the constitutional order imposed on government bodies.
- Enforces the rights and freedoms of individuals.

The arguments and reasoning used by the Court to resolve conflicts are useful for other courts and tribunals in the country, and their application is often mandatory. These constitute the jurisprudential activity of the Supreme Court.

Eras / SCJN

Judicial Weekly of the Federation and its Gazette

Each Era is a chronological stage in which the criteria published in the Judicial Weekly of the Federation are grouped. They are divided into two major periods: before and after the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States of 1917. The criteria from the First to the Fourth Eras, prior to the validity of the Fundamental Text of 1917, are now inapplicable, meaning they lack validity and are therefore grouped under what is called "historical jurisprudence." The criteria from the Fifth to the Tenth Eras, i.e., from 1917 to the present, make up the catalog of what is commonly referred to as "applicable" or current jurisprudence. It is important to note that just because a criterion belongs to this latter period, it does not necessarily mean it is valid and applicable, as these attributes are subject to multiple factors, including whether its validity has not been interrupted according to the applicable regulations or whether the criterion has not been superseded by the resolution of a contradiction of theses. There is no uniform criterion defining when an era should change. Below are the particularities that marked the beginning of the eras of publication, starting from 1917:

Fifth Era

Once the new constitutional order was established on February 5, 1917, the SCJN was installed on June 1 of the same year, and the first issue of this era appeared on April 15, 1918.

Sixth Era

Starting with the publication of the rulings of July 1957, substantial reforms were introduced that motivated the beginning of the Sixth Era. The most important of these reforms were updating the publication so that the rulings would be known shortly after being issued; grouping separately, in monthly booklets, the resolutions of the Plenary and those of each of the Chambers; and finally, alphabetically ordering the theses contained in each booklet for easier location.

Seventh Era