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# EFFICIENCY AND PROTECTION: KEY ASPECTS OF ORGANIC LAW 1/2025 IN THE SPANISH JUDICIAL SYSTEM

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# REORGANIZATION OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

**Creation of the Courts of First Instance:** These replace single-judge courts, transforming them into collegiate bodies, representing a fundamental shift in the judicial structure.

**Central Court of First Instance:** Established in Madrid with jurisdiction over the entire national territory, integrating various specialized sections.

**Elimination of References to Courts:** References to single-judge courts are removed from the Organic Law of the Judiciary, now referring instead to the Courts and the judges and magistrates who compose them.

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# SPECIALIZATION OF SECTIONS

**Specialized Sections:** The Courts of First Instance will have specialized sections in various areas such as Family, Gender-Based Violence, Violence Against Children, Criminal, Juvenile, Penitentiary Surveillance, Administrative Litigation, and Social Law.

**Jurisdiction over Sexual Violence:** The gender-based violence sections will handle cases involving crimes against sexual freedom, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, and sexual harassment when the victim is a woman.

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# JUSTICE OFFICES IN MUNICIPALITIES

**Regulation of Justice Offices:** The regulation of these offices is completed, particularly in autonomous communities with transferred justice administration powers.

**Appointment of Justices of the Peace:** The appointment of justices of the peace will be carried out according to the autonomy statutes of the autonomous communities with jurisdiction over peace or proximity justice.

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# APPROPRIATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHODS (ADR)

**Promotion of Non-Jurisdictional Means:** ADR methods are encouraged in civil and commercial matters, excluding areas such as bankruptcy, labor, and criminal proceedings.

**Confidential Binding Offer:** This figure is introduced as a means of resolving disputes, binding the offeror once the other party expressly accepts it.

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