

Decision No. 1 of 16 September 2025
on Vladimir ADAM, former prosecutor in the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office,
former subject of evaluation under Law No. 252/2023

Evaluation Panel A ("the Panel") of the Prosecutor Vetting Commission ("the Commission") established by Law No. 252/2023 on the external evaluation of judges and prosecutors and amending some normative acts ("Law No. 252/2023"), discharging the powers under the same Law, deliberated in private on 16 September 2025.

The members participating in the adoption of the decision were:

Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI
Christopher LEHMANN
Saskia de VRIES

Based on its work in collecting and reviewing the information, and subsequent deliberations, the Panel adopted the following decision.

I. Introduction

1. This decision concerns Vladimir ADAM, former prosecutor in the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office ("APO").
2. The Panel examined the situation of Vladimir ADAM according to Law No. 252/2023 and the Rules of Procedure of the Prosecutor Vetting Commission ("the Commission Rules") approved by the Commission pursuant to art. 5 para. (4) of Law No. 252/2023.
3. The Panel unanimously concluded that the evaluation procedure regarding Vladimir ADAM, as regulated by Law No. 252/2023, must be terminated.

II. Evaluation Procedure

4. As a prosecutor in the APO, Vladimir ADAM was on the list of subjects submitted by the Superior Council of Prosecutors ("SCP") to the Commission on 23 May 2024 for evaluation, pursuant to art. 12 para. (1) of Law No. 252/2023.
5. Vladimir ADAM's evaluation was initiated on the basis of art. 3 para. (1) lit. e) of Law No. 252/2023.
6. On 24 May 2024, the Commission notified Vladimir ADAM of its initiation of evaluation and requested that he completes and returns the declaration of assets and personal interests

for the last five years (“five-year declaration”), which includes the list of close persons in the judiciary, prosecution, and public service, and an ethics questionnaire within 20 days, as provided in art. 25 para. (3) of the Commission Rules, consistent with art. 12 para. (4) of Law No. 252/2023. Vladimir ADAM returned the completed five-year declaration and ethics questionnaire on 13 June 2024.

7. Pursuant to art. 15 para. (2) of Law No. 252/2023 and art. 17 of the Commission Rules, the file in this matter was randomly assigned to Panel A.
8. On 16 August 2024, the Commission notified Vladimir ADAM by email that his evaluation file had been randomly assigned to Panel A with members Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI, Christopher LEHMANN, and Saskia de VRIES. The subject was informed that he may request, in writing and at the earliest possible time, the recusal of members from their evaluation.
9. As part of the evaluation of the ethical and financial integrity of Vladimir ADAM, the Commission obtained information from numerous sources. The sources generally included the General Prosecutor’s Office (“GPO”), specialized Prosecutor’s Offices, SCP, National Integrity Authority (“NIA”), National Anticorruption Center (“NAC”), Office for Prevention and Fight against Money Laundering (“AML”), Ministry of Internal Affairs (“MIA”), Customs Service, State Tax Service (“STS”), General Inspectorate of Border Police, National Office of Social Insurance (“CNAS”), Public Services Agency (“PSA”), Governmental Agent within the Ministry of Justice, banks, financial institutions etc.
10. Vladimir ADAM’s evaluation did not proceed beyond the steps described at paras. 6 - 9 above, because the Panel was notified by the Prosecutor General’s Office that Vladimir ADAM was dismissed from his position.

III. Facts

11. Vladimir ADAM was appointed as a prosecutor in the APO on 3 May 2022. Also, he was a candidate for the position of judge at the Supreme Court of Justice (“SCJ”). As such, he was a subject of evaluation under Law No. 65/2023 on the external evaluation of judges and candidates for judges of the Supreme Court of Justice (“Law No. 65/2023”).
12. On 26 November 2024, the Judicial Vetting Commission approved an evaluation report pursuant to Law No. 65/2023, proposing that Vladimir ADAM does not promote the evaluation on the grounds of non-compliance with the criteria set in art. 11 para. (2) lit. a) and para. (3) lit. a) of Law No. 65/2023¹.
13. On 23 December 2024, the Superior Council of Magistracy (“SCM”) adopted a decision to accept the Judicial Vetting Commission’s evaluation report on Vladimir ADAM,

¹ Available at: https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/65dc9c889b671cd4987c7b51/6772ab57f19ac9b83fb5fcfb_Vladimir%20Adam_Report_ENG.signed1.pdf.

establishing his failure to promote the evaluation under Law No. 65/2023². Vladimir ADAM challenged the SCM's decision before the SCJ.

14. On 6 May 2025, the SCJ adopted a decision to reject Vladimir ADAM's appeal and to uphold the SCM decision of 23 December 2024³. The SCJ's decision became final on the date of its issuance.
15. On 5 June 2025, the SCP adopted a decision to confirm the SCJ's decision of 6 May 2025 and to submit to the Prosecutor General the materials required for proceeding with the dismissal of Vladimir ADAM⁴.
16. On 24 June 2025, the Prosecutor General issued an order dismissing Vladimir ADAM from his prosecutorial position, which took effect immediately.

V. Analysis

17. According to art. 17 para (4) of Law No. 65/2023, the decision of the SCM to fail a judge after an evaluation will lead to the dismissal of said judge.
18. Art. 20 para. (4) of Law No. 65/2023 stipulates that for prosecutors who are candidates, the effects of failure to promote the evaluation provided for in art. 17 paras. (4) and (5) shall be applied accordingly.
19. Given Vladimir ADAM's failure to pass the evaluation under Law No. 65/2023 and the Prosecutor General subsequently dismissing Vladimir ADAM from his prosecutorial position, he cannot be subjected to an evaluation as provided by art. 3 para. (1) of Law No. 252/2023. Therefore, his evaluation procedure, as regulated by Law No. 252/2023, must be terminated.
20. The Panel notes that Law No. 252/2023 does not specifically provide for the situation in which a prosecutor has been dismissed from his position after the evaluation has started. In reaching its conclusion, the Panel has strived for an outcome in line with the scope of Law No. 252/2023 and considers that completing Vladimir ADAM's evaluation does not serve any legitimate purpose. It would only be necessary if his ethical and financial integrity had to be verified in order for the SCP to decide on his prosecutorial career, which is not the case.
21. Moreover, as per art. 23 para. (1) lit. c¹) of the Commission Rules, the Panel is tasked with adopting decisions to terminate the evaluation (art. 3 para. (2) lit. a), b), and d) of Law No. 252/2023). According to art. 23 para. (4) of the Commission Rules, if a subject of evaluation under Law No. 252/2023 has failed the evaluation under Law No. 65/2023, the Panel will issue a decision to terminate his/her evaluation under Law No. 252/2023 only after the subject has been dismissed from his/her position by the Prosecutor General.

² Available at: <https://www.csm.md/files/Hotaririle/2024/44/714-44.pdf>.

³ Available at: https://jurisprudenta.esj.md/search_col_civil.php?id=78076.

⁴ Available at: https://csp.md/sites/default/files/2025-06/199_hot_v.adam_vetting-rectificata.pdf.

VI. Decision

22. Based on the facts of this situation, and after review of the relevant law, the Panel decides to terminate the evaluation procedure regarding Vladimir ADAM, as regulated by Law No. 252/2023.

VII. Further Action and Publication

23. As Law No. 252/2023 does not regulate such a particular situation, legal analogy will be employed.
24. In analogy to art. 16 para. (5) of Law No. 252/2023, this decision shall be sent by e-mail to Vladimir ADAM and the SCP within three days of its approval, and on the same day the Commission will publish on its official website the information on the result of the decision.
25. In analogy to art. 16 para. (6) of Law No. 252/2023, the Commission will submit to the SCP, within three days of approval of the decision, a hard copy of that decision, along with an electronic copy of the evaluation file of Vladimir ADAM.
26. In analogy to art. 16 para. (8) of Law No. 252/2023, the decision, in full, will be published on the Commission's official website, with appropriate precautions to protect the privacy of Vladimir ADAM and other people, within three days from the expiry of the deadline for appealing the SCP's act ascertaining the decision or from the date of issuance of the SCJ's decision on the challenge to the SCP's act.
27. Pursuant to art. 14 paras. (1)-(3) and art. 15 paras. (1)-(2) of the Commission Rules, this decision was approved unanimously by the evaluation Panel on 16 September 2025 and signed by the Chairperson of the Commission, Chair of Panel A.
28. Done in English and Romanian.

Signature:



Christopher LEHMANN
Chairperson of the Prosecutor Vetting Commission
Chair of Panel A