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**Paper Title: The Causes and Effects of Argentina's Failure to Ensure a Fully Independent Federal Judiciary**

**Abstract:**

**This paper explores Argentina federal judiciary. It begins with a description of Argentina's federal court system, which is characterized by specialized courts or fueros which have their own subject matter jurisdiction. It also addresses Argentina's failure to ensure an independent Supreme Court and structural, institutional and practical problems that result. At the lower federal court level, we discuss the unique nomination process. The president is advised by the Council of Magistrates which screen and ranks candidates for judicial office. This was thought to make the nomination process more transparent and neutral and has had some subjective success. Recently though, the composition of the Council and its center of power have been altered suggesting a trend away from a neutral nomination process and efforts to ensure legitimacy and independence in the federal judiciary.**