

# SIGLA: States and Institutions of Governance in Latin America

## Release Note

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### **Data Highlights**

- This beta version of SIGLA includes data on institutions in the Judiciary and Other Court Systems institutional category in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico.
- Institutions within the institutional category of Judiciary and Other Court Systems include:
  - Judiciary Overview;
  - High Courts; and
  - Ordinary Courts.
- For each institution, SIGLA provides:
  - Data on general characteristics, functioning, institutional positioning and interaction within the state, members, and leaders; and
  - Customized variables to capture important institution-specific data such as the channels of appeal involving Ordinary Courts and High Courts.
- Each institution includes a Body of Law variable that links to a set of important laws and regulations about the institution's creation and functioning.
- Furthermore, SIGLA updated data on Elections and Legislature in response to electoral changes in Brazil and Colombia.

### **Tech Highlights**

- SIGLA's four browsing routes have been updated to include the new institutional category and institutions
  - The Browse by Country route allows users to explore one or more institutional categories and institutions for a single country.
  - The Browse by Institution route allows users to choose one institutional category and explore its institutions across multiple countries.
  - The Compare route allows users to compare any institution across different countries. Users may also use this feature to compare international institutions.
  - The Custom Browse route allows users to view data for individual variables associated with as many institutions and countries as they wish.

### **Website Highlights**

- "Research Methodology" has been updated to reflect the addition of institutions in the Judiciary and Other Court Systems institutional category.
- "Technical Codebook" explains how SIGLA structures data, introduces principles and types of variables, and lists all variables included in SIGLA, up to version 3.0

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