

FIDA faults JSC over Supreme Court Nominations

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The Federation of Women lawyers (FIDA) has accused the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) of 'flagrant disregard of the Constitution of Kenya 2012 and the Judicial Service Act 2011' over the proposed nominees for the Supreme Court of Kenya.

Fida claims that the JSC not only contravened the constitution and the law by nominating only one woman to the Supreme Court of Kenya but also exercised historical marginalization of women of higher echelons of the Judiciary.

"The JSC has failed Kenyans by ensuring that

it only nominates one woman to the Supreme court unconstitutionally by violating article 27(8) and further failing to carry out one of their key functions, that is promoting of gender equality as prescribed in article(2) (b)," FIDA said in a statement.

"Up to date there is no single woman serving in the Court of Appeal and therefore Fida urges the JSC to immediately withdraw their list of nominees for the Supreme Court to promote gender equality in both action and spirit failure to which FDA will not hesitate to take the matter to court," the body added.