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REVITALIZATION OF THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN BUILDING A FAIR JUSTICE SYSTEM

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Abstract:

Background. As a law enforcement institution, the prosecutor's office has a central role in upholding the rule of law, ensuring justice, and protecting the rights of the public. However, in practice, some challenges, such as low professionalism, lack of transparency, and the influence of political and economic interests, can hinder the prosecutor's office's performance in enforcing the law objectively.

Aims. This research analyzes the approach to revitalizing the prosecutor's office, including institutional aspects and improving the supervision system.

Methods. This study uses a Normative approach. This research for data collection was obtained from the analysis of legal documents, laws and regulations, and academic journals.

Result. The results of the study show that the revitalization of the prosecutor's office through reform of the recruitment system also found that challenges such as political intervention, lack of qualified human resources, and lack of coordination with other judicial institutions are still obstacles in realizing an independent and professional prosecutor's office.

Conclusion. This research shows that strengthening accountability, improving the professionalism of prosecutors, and utilizing technology in legal administration can accelerate fair judicial reform. In contrast to previous studies that emphasized the institutional aspect of the judiciary in general, this study

highlights the central role of the prosecutor's office in ensuring that the legal process runs objectively and independently.

Implementation. Revising the prosecutor's office is a strategic step to build a fairer and more transparent judicial system. Therefore, revitalizing the prosecutor's office needs to be focused not only on structural reforms but also on innovations in governance and increasing public trust in the legal system.

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INTRODUCTION

The revitalization of the prosecutor's office is a crucial strategic step in building a fair and integrity justice system.¹ As a law enforcement institution, the prosecutor's office has a central role in upholding the rule of law, ensuring justice, and protecting the rights of the public. However, in practice, there are many challenges faced, such as low professionalism, lack of transparency, and the influence of political and economic interests that can hinder the performance of the prosecutor's office in enforcing the law objectively. Therefore, revitalizing the prosecutor's office is urgently needed so that this institution can function more effectively and fairly.

A fair justice system is central to maintaining the rule of law and public trust in legal institutions.² As one of the law enforcement agencies, the Prosecutor's Office has a strategic role in ensuring that the judicial process runs independently, accountably, and impartially. However, in practice, the prosecutor's office still faces various challenges, such as political intervention, lack of transparency in handling cases, and weak internal and external supervision. These problems hinder efforts to realize a fair justice system and can undermine public trust in legal institutions.

Previous studies have discussed prosecutorial reform as part of efforts to improve the justice system. Several studies highlight the importance of enhancing the professionalism of prosecutors through adequate training and a more selective recruitment system. On the other hand, research also emphasizes the need for transparency in the legal process to reduce the potential for abuse of authority. These studies still have limitations, especially in identifying effective mechanisms to address political intervention and strengthen the prosecutor's office oversight. Therefore, this study aims to fill the gap by analyzing the approach to revitalizing

¹ The discussion of the idea of revitalizing the prosecutor's office as a good step was taken from the journal *Judicial Conceptual Reconstruction as the Revitalization of Judicial Power in the Indonesian Constitutional System*, Purwokerto: Hanif Fudin Azhar (2019).

² *Law: An Introduction*. Yogyakarta: Liberty. Zainal Arifin Mochtar. (2017).

the prosecutor's office, which includes institutional aspects, policy reform, and the improvement of the supervisory system.

This revitalization effort covers various aspects, ranging from institutional reform to improving the quality of human resources to applying technology in the law enforcement process.³ Institutional reform aims to strengthen the prosecutor's office's independence and avoid interventions that can affect objectivity in handling cases. In addition, improving the competence of prosecutors through continuous education and training is a key factor in ensuring better quality of law enforcement. With the presence of a professional and integrity prosecutor, it is hoped that every legal process can be carried out transparently, accountably, and justice-oriented.

In addition to the internal aspect, revitalizing the prosecutor's office requires support from good synergy between various institutions in the criminal justice system.⁴ The prosecutor's office, police, courts, and correctional institutions must work together harmoniously so the justice system can run efficiently and fairly. Lack of inter-agency coordination is often an inhibiting factor in the resolution of legal cases, so a better mechanism is needed to increase the effectiveness of inter-institutional cooperation. With good coordination, the legal process is hoped to run faster and reduce the potential for irregularities in the judicial system.

In the era of digitalization, the use of technology in the judicial system is also essential in revitalizing the prosecutor's office. Technology, such as a digital-based case handling information system, can increase transparency and speed up legal processes.⁵ Digitalization also has the potential to reduce corrupt practices, bribery, and abuse of authority in the prosecutor's office, because all legal processes can be better documented. Thus, technology helps improve the efficiency of the prosecutor's work and strengthens public trust in these law enforcement institutions.

Overall, revitalizing the prosecutor's office is fundamental in creating a fair and just justice system.⁶ It is hoped that the prosecutor's office can optimally carry out its role through institutional reform, improving the professionalism of prosecutors, fostering synergy between institutions, and using technology. The success of this revitalization not only depends on the

³ Law Enforcement and Electronic-Based Bureaucratic Reform at the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Indonesia to Increase Public Trust, Gresik: I Made Agus Mahendra Iswara (2019)

⁴ Zainal Arifin Mochtar. (2017). Law Enforcement Reform in Indonesia: Challenges and Solutions. Yogyakarta: UGM Press.

⁵ Law Enforcement and Electronic-Based Bureaucratic Reform at the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Indonesia to Increase Public Trust, Gresik: I Made Agus Mahendra Iswara (2019)

⁶ Mahfud MD. (2011). Legal Politics in Indonesia. Jakarta: Rajawali Press

prosecutor's office's internal efforts but also requires support from all elements of society and the government. Therefore, revitalization efforts must be carried out on an ongoing basis to realize a fair and transparent judicial system.

The results of this research are expected to make an important contribution to the debate on judicial system reform and provide policymakers with valuable recommendations for strengthening the prosecutor's office as a key pillar of fair and transparent law enforcement.

RESEARCH METHODS

This study uses a descriptive qualitative approach to analyze the revitalization of the prosecutor's office in building a fair justice system. This approach was chosen because it allows for an in-depth exploration of the policies, regulations, and challenges faced in prosecutorial reform. This research method aims to understand the institutional dynamics of the prosecutor's office and evaluate the effectiveness of revitalization that has been or is being carried out in increasing independence, accountability, and transparency in the judicial system.

The approach used in this study is normative and empirical legal analysis. The normative approach is carried out by examining various regulations and policies that govern the institution of the prosecutor's office, both at the national and international levels, in order to understand the legal basis for the revitalization of the prosecutor's office. Meanwhile, an empirical approach was carried out to explore perspectives from legal practitioners, academics, and the public regarding the effectiveness of prosecutorial reform in creating a fair justice system.

Data Source :

1. Primary data was obtained through in-depth interviews with resource persons, including prosecutors, legal academics, justice activists, and officials of the prosecutor's supervision institutions. This interview aims to understand the obstacles and opportunities in revitalizing the prosecutor's office from the perspective of practitioners and policymakers.
2. Secondary data is obtained from legal documents, academic journals, research reports, laws and regulations, and publications from government institutions and non-governmental organizations related to the reform of the judicial system and the prosecutor's office.

RESEARCH RESULTS

Our research results show that prosecutorial revitalization plays a crucial role in building a fairer justice system through structural reforms, increased transparency, and prosecutorial professionalism.⁷ Institutional reforms that include decentralizing authority and strengthening the independence of the prosecutor's office have been proven to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement and reduce political intervention. In addition, applying technology in case administration and stricter internal oversight mechanisms increases accountability, thereby reducing the potential for abuse of authority. Increased capacity and ethical standards of prosecutors also contribute to a more objective and non-discriminatory quality of prosecution. These findings differ from previous studies that have highlighted the weaknesses of prosecutors without offering concrete solutions. With an approach based on transparency and professionalism, this study proves that revitalizing the prosecutor's office can strengthen the principles of justice and increase public trust in the justice system.

These findings differ from previous research that emphasized the role of the judiciary as a whole, without examining in depth the role of the prosecutor's office as a key pillar in fair law enforcement. In addition, this study also highlights the effectiveness of digitalization policies in the prosecutor's administration system, which has not been widely discussed in previous research. Thus, this study offers a new perspective that revitalizing the prosecutor's office is focused on structural reforms and innovations in law enforcement governance to create a more transparent and inclusive justice system.

This research reveals that revitalizing the prosecutor's office is crucial in building a fairer and more transparent judicial system. Reforms in the prosecutor's office's organizational structure, including increasing prosecutors' independence in the prosecution process, have been proven to reduce political intervention and improve the professionalism of law enforcement officials. These findings align with the theory of the state of law, which emphasizes the importance of the prosecutor's institution as a guardian of the rule of law. In contrast to previous research that emphasized judicial reform in general, this study highlights that the prosecutor's office plays a strategic role in ensuring substantive justice as an institution with prosecutorial power in criminal cases.

The results of the study also show that strengthening the supervision mechanism, both internal and external, within the prosecutor's office has a significant impact on increasing

⁷ The Prosecutor's Office has a vision that is in line with the vision of the President and Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia as stated in the Strategic Plan of the Prosecutor's Office for 2020-2024, namely "A Reliable, Professional, Innovative And Integrity Prosecutor's Office Of The Republic Of Indonesia With Integrity In Service To The President And Vice President: "An Advanced Indonesia That Is Sovereign, Independent, And Has A Personality Based On Mutual Cooperation"

institutional accountability. Implementing the meritocracy system in the promotion of prosecutorial positions, as well as stricter supervision from the Prosecutor's Commission and civil society institutions, also contributes to improving the quality of law enforcement. This differs from previous studies that focus on procedural reform without considering the impact of institutional reforms on public trust. Thus, this study emphasizes that the success of revitalizing the prosecutor's office is highly dependent on transparency and accountability in its internal work system.

Digitalization in the prosecutor's administrative system is also important in accelerating case handling and reducing corrupt practices among law enforcement.⁸ This study shows that applying technology in case management, such as the Case Tracking Information System (SIPP) and the digitization of legal documents, has increased efficiency and accelerated the judicial process. Unlike previous research that highlighted digitalization in the courts, this study emphasizes that digital transformation in the prosecutor's office also plays a role in creating a justice system that is more transparent and accessible to the public.

In addition to institutional and technological aspects, this study highlights the importance of increasing human resources (HR) to revitalize the prosecutor's office. Continuous training for prosecutors in progressive law, professional ethics, and understanding of human rights (HAM) is the main factor in producing prosecutors with integrity and professionalism. The study found that countries with more advanced prosecutorial systems have more intensive and ongoing training programs than those implemented in Indonesia. Therefore, investment in human resource development within the prosecutor's office is crucial to create a fairer justice system.

Overall, this study emphasizes that revitalizing the prosecutor's office is not just a structural reform, but also includes innovations in governance, technology utilization, and capacity building of prosecutors. Unlike previous studies that focused more on the court's role, this study proves that the prosecutor's office has an equally strategic role in creating a fair justice system. Therefore, prosecutorial reform must be a priority in legal development in Indonesia to realize a more transparent, professional, and trustworthy judicial system.

⁸ Law Enforcement Reform in Indonesia: Challenges and Solutions. Yogyakarta: UGM Press.

CONCLUSION

Revising the prosecutor's office is a strategic step to build a fairer and more transparent judicial system. This research shows that strengthening accountability, improving the professionalism of prosecutors, and utilizing technology in legal administration can accelerate fair judicial reform. In contrast to previous studies that emphasized the institutional aspect of the judiciary in general, this study highlights the central role of the prosecutor's office in ensuring that the legal process runs objectively and independently. Therefore, revitalizing the prosecutor's office needs to be focused not only on structural reforms but also on innovations in governance and increasing public trust in the legal system.

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