Official name in original language	Országos Bírói Tanács
Official name in English	National Judicial Council
Address	H-1055 Budapest, Szalay street 16.
Telephone number	+36-1/3544100
Website	http://birosag.hu/en/njc/front-page
e-mail	obt@obt.birosag.hu
Brief history	 The OBT has started its activity on the 15th of March, 2012. The National Judicial Council (OBT) is the supervisory organ – as a body - of the central administration of courts. The seat of the OBT is in Budapest, and it has 15 members. Regarding its members, only the president of the Curia is delegated, according to the Act CLXI of 2011 on the Organisation and Administration of Courts. The other 14 judge members of the OBT shall be elected in a secret ballot by majority vote at the meeting of the delegated judges. At the time of the first election, the meeting of the delegated judges
Constitutional or legal status/basis	shall elect one judge of a regional court of appeal, 5 judges of courts of appeal, 7 judges of local courts and one judge of an administrative and labour court. The Fundamental Law of Hungary Article 25
Legal acts regulating the Status	Decisions
Composition:	 The OBT consists of 15 judges. The members are: the president of the Curia, a judge from a Regional Court of Appeal, 5 judges form Regional Courts, 7 judges form District Courts, a judge from an Administrative and Labour Court. The membership of the president of the Curia is based on Act CLXI of 2011 on the organization and administration of the courts. The other members are elected by the conference of judges by a secret ballot with a simple majority.
Total number of members	15

Term of office	6 years
Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?	no
Do the members have a full-time position or not?	no
Make up	-
Is there a majority of Judges?	yes
Presidency	The president and the deputy president of the OBT The OBT shall be represented and led by the President. The presidential position of the OBT shall be filled by members on a rotational basis; members shall rotate every 6 months in the following manner: the first to fill the position shall be the judge with the longest judicial service, followed by the other members in descending order of the length of their judicial service. The President of the OBT - if unable to attend - shall be substituted by the Deputy President. The position of the Deputy President shall be filled on a rotational basis in the following manner: the first to fill the position of the Deputy President shall be the judge with the second longest judicial service and will be followed by the other members – as in the case of the president - in a descending order of the length of their judicial service.
Main Competences:	 Tasks of the National Judicial Council (OBT) Tasks of the OBT in the field of general central administration Supervises the central administrative activity of the president of the National Judicial Office (OBH) and in case of necessity, sends notification to the president of the National Judicial Office. Makes a motion to the president of the National Judicial Office to act with her sphere of right described in 76. § (1) paragraph d) point. Supervises the regulations and recommendations published by the president of the National Judicial Office, and Approves the rules of procedure of the official court and publishes it on the central website. Tasks of the OBT in field of the budget Gives judgement on the proposal of the budget of the courts and on the briefing of its execution. Supervises the management of the courts, and Comments the detailed conditions and extent of the contributory allowances. Tasks of the OBT in the field of statistical collection of facts, the allocation of work, and the measuring of the completed work In exceptionally justified cases, the Council may order the management of a case before its turn, if it affects wide sphere of the society or it has

emerging importance from the point of view of the public interest. Determines the theories to be considered during the settlement of the proceeding court, regarding the sphere of right of the president of the National Judicial Office, that she may settle another court for the procedure in favour that cases should be decided in a reasonable time.

Tasks of the OBT in the human policies' field

According to a personal hearing, the Council gives a preliminary opinion on the candidates of the president of the National Judicial Office and that of the Curia.

Determines the theories to be considered during the settlement of the roceeding court, regarding the sphere of right of the president of the National Judicial Office, that she may settle another court for the procedure in favour that cases should be decided in a reasonable time.

Practices the right of accordance during the judgement of those competitions when the president of the National Judicial Office or that of the Curia would like to fulfill the position with the candidate who is second or third in the rank.

Practices the right of accordance in the case of the nomination of court leaders in which the candidate have not received the consence of the organ expressing opinion.

Decides in the question of a renewed nomination of a president or a deputy president of the regional court of appeal, the tribunal, the administrative and labour court, and the local court, or, in case the president or the deputy president has already hold the given position two times before.

Publishes yearly its opinion on the practice of the presidents of the National Judicial Office and of the Curia on judging the applications of judges and court leaders.

Nominates the president and the members of the official court.

The Council may give an exemption in case of an incompatibility between the court leader and his or her relative working in the organisational unit under his or her leadership.

Carries out the supervising procedure regarding the property declaration of judges.

In case of a resignation of a judge, the Council may contribute to the fact that the resignation time could be shorter than 3 months, or, it may exempt the judge from his or her obligation of work, and, in further

In case of the retirement of a judge, or if she or he reaches the highest age limit, the Council decides - regarding the resignation time - on the exemption time from the work, according to the Act on the Status and Allowance of Judges.

According to an initiative of the president of the National Judicial Office, the Council may donate the title of titular judge of tribunal, titular judge of regional court of appeal, titular judge of the Curia, and in case of forensic assistants, it may donate the title of counsellor general or counsellor, and in further,

according to the initiative of the president of the National Judicial Office, it may suggest to donate a distinction, or a premium, a certificate, a plaquette, or it may consent to another organ to donate a distinction, a plaquette, or a certificate.

	Tasks of the OBT in the field of education Presents a recommendation on the central educational project, and Gives judgement on the system of formation of judges and on the rules of accomplishment of the educational obligations. The OBT, further to the upper mentioned tasks shall proceed in other cases referred to its jurisdiction.
Career of judges and / or prosecutors	-
Judicial training	Tasks of the OBT in the field of education Presents a recommendation on the central educational project, and Gives judgement on the system of formation of judges and on the rules of accomplishment of the educational obligations.
Discipline	-
Ethics	The national judicial council enforced the Code of Judicial Conduct on the 10th of November, 2014.
Opinions on legislation / other opinions	May propose the modification of legislative amendments to authorities.
Status of decisions	-
Review	-
Budget	The OBT has an independent budget from 1st January 2013. The budget of the OBT may be expended on the operation of the permanent office, the expenses of the meetings, organisation of its own events, its international relations, participating of the members of the OBT on other events, the operation of the website, and on other expenses relating informatics.