

SLOVAKIA

Official name in original language	Súdna rada Slovenskej republiky
Official name in English	Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic
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Brief history	Article concerning the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic was inserted by the constitutional act No. 90/2001 Coll. coming into effect on 1 June 2001 and the Act No. 185/2002 Coll. on the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic was approved on 11 April 2002.
Constitutional or legal status/basis	Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic is a constitutional body. Article 141a of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic stipulates the Council's composition, powers, terms of membership, length of mandate of its members.
Legal acts regulating the Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Art. 141a of the Constitution concerning the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic, inserted by the constitutional act No. 90/2001 Coll. - Act No. 185/2002 Coll. on the Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic.
Composition:	
Total number of members	18 members
Term of office	5 years
Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?	Yes, but not more than for 2 subsequent terms.
Do the members have a full-time position or not?	Only the President of the Judicial Council is a full-time member. Other members of the Council fully keep discharging their original functions and are not entitled to remuneration as members of the Council.
Make up	9 members - judges, elected by their peers 3 members elected by the Parliament 3 members appointed by the President 3 members appointed by the Government
Is there a majority of Judges?	By law, at least 50% should be judges, but very often there is a significant majority of judges.
Presidency	President of the Judicial Council shall be elected from among its members in secret ballot by the Judicial Council.

Main Competences:	
Career of judges and / or prosecutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Judicial Council adopts opinion whether the candidates for the judicial office meet requirements of judicial competence; -The Judicial Council presents to the President of the Slovak Republic proposals of candidates for appointment to the judicial office, and proposals to recall judges from their offices (including the President and Vice-President of the Supreme Court); -The Judicial Council decides on assignment and transfer of judges; -The Judicial Council presents to the Government of the Slovak Republic proposals of candidates for the judicial offices who should act on behalf of the Slovak Republic within international judicial bodies;
Judicial training	The Judicial Council in agreement with the Minister of Justice shall determine the subject matters to be included in judges education, shall elect 5 members of the Board of the Academy and shall propose members of the pedagogical staff of the Academy, as well as the members of the examination committees for the professional judicial exam and the prosecutor exam
Discipline	The Judicial Council shall elect and recall members of disciplinary panels and elect and recall chairmen of disciplinary senates
Ethics	The Judicial Council approves principles of the judicial ethics
Opinions on legislation / other opinions	<p>The authority of the Judicial Council implies the competence to express an opinion on proposals of generally binding legal regulations setting out the organization of the judiciary, proceedings before courts and the status of judges; to express an opinion on proposals of conceptual documents concerning the judiciary presented for discussion to the National Council and to the Government.</p> <p>President of the Judicial Council can bring motion to the Constitutional Court to start a proceeding on compliance of legal regulations regarding administration of justice with the Constitution, Constitutional acts, International Treaties (...).</p>
Status of decisions	Final resolutions
Review	Not subject to review
Budget	The Judicial Council does not have an independent budget. Budgets for all state organizations are prepared by the Ministry of Finance and are approved by the parliament.

