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| <b>Official name in original language</b>         | <b>Tieslietu padome (TP)</b>   |
| <b>Official name in English</b>                   | <b>Council for the Judiciary</b>   |
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| <b>Brief history</b>                              | Date of establishment – 1st August 2010. The Council for the Judiciary is a collegial authority which participates in the development of the policies and strategies of the judicial system, as well as the improvement of the organisation of the work of the judicial system.  |
| <b>Constitutional or legal status/basis</b>       | Law on Judicial Power  |
| <b>Legal acts regulating the Status</b>           | Law on Judicial Power  |
| <b>Composition:</b>                               |  |
| Total number of members                           | 15 members   |
| Term of office                                    | 4 years (for elected members)  |
| Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member? | The members of the Council for the Judiciary may be re-elected, but not more than twice in succession  |
| Do the members have a full-time position or not?  | No   |
| Make up   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>7 elected members (judges):</b> 6 judges are elected by the Judicial Conference, 1 judge by the Plenary Session of the Supreme Court.</li> <li>- <b>8 permanent ex officio members:</b> Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Constitutional Court, Minister of Justice, Chairperson of the Judicial Committee of the parliament (<i>Saeima</i>), Prosecutor General, Chairman of the Latvian Council of Sworn Advocates, Chairman of the Latvian Council of Sworn Notaries and Chairman of the Latvian Council of Sworn Bailiffs.</li> </ul> |
| Is there a majority of Judges?                    | Yes  |
| Presidency  | Chief Justice<br>No Vice-president   |

**Main Competences:**

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| Career of judges and / or prosecutors    | The Council makes the decisions only for a judge transference to the same level court and also approves the regulations on Judges assessment.  |
| Judicial training                        | The Court Administration is responsible for the creation and the development of the programs for initial and continuous training.  |
| Discipline                               | No competence. This is duty of the Judicial Disciplinary Committee and Disciplinary Court.   |
| Ethics                                   | Commission of Judicial Ethics<br>Code of Ethics for Latvian judges   |
| Opinions on legislation / other opinions | The legislator has the duty to ask for and to listen to the opinion of the Council for the Judiciary, respecting it in accordance with the principle of the separation of powers.<br>The legislator has to give the possibility to the Council for the Judiciary to express its opinion on issues which affect the functioning of courts, but the taking of decisions concerning them fall within the competence of the legislator. The legislator has the right to disagree with the opinion of the judiciary, however, the legislator has to listen to it and to treat it with respect and due understanding (from the Constitutional Court judgment No. 2009-11-01, form 18 January, 2010). |
| Status of decisions                      | There are both binding and advisory decisions  |
| Review                                   | Not subject to review  |
| Budget                                   | The work of the Council for the Judiciary shall be ensured by the Administration of the Supreme Court. It does not have a separate budget.   |