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## Council for Administration of Courts

Courts of the first instance and courts of appeal are administered in co-operation between the **Council for Administration of Courts** and the **Ministry of Justice**.

**The Council for Administration of Courts is comprised of the:**

- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court,
- five judges elected by the Court en banc for three years,
- two members of the Riigikogu,
- a sworn advocate appointed by the Board of the Bar Association,
- the Chief Public Prosecutor or a public prosecutor appointed by him or her,
- the Legal Chancellor or a representative appointed by him or her,
- The Minister of Justice or a representative appointed by him or her shall participate in the Council with the right to speak.

Council sessions shall be convened by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or by the Minister of Justice.

**The Council grants approval for:**

- the determination of the territorial jurisdiction of courts, the structure of courts, the exact location of courts, the number of judges and the lay judges in courts,
- the appointment to office and premature release of chairmen of courts,
- the determination of the internal rules of courts,
- the determination of the number of candidates for judicial office,
- the appointment to office of candidates for judicial office,
- the payment of special additional remuneration to judges.

**The Council shall:**

- provide a preliminary opinion on the principles of the formation and amendment of annual budgets of courts,
- provide an opinion on the candidates for a vacant position of a justice of the Supreme Court,
- provide an opinion on the release of a judge,
- deliberate, in advance, the review to be presented to the Riigikogu by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court concerning courts' administration, administration of justice and the uniform application of law,
- discuss other issues at the initiative of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Minister of Justice.

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