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<b>Official name in English</b>	High Council of Justice
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<b>Brief history</b>	Constitution of Ukraine, as amended in 1996, provided the operation of the High Council of Justice [old] As a result of the judicial reform, in 2017, the High Council of Justice [new] began to operate in Ukraine
<b>Constitutional or legal status/basis</b>	Constitution of Ukraine: Article 131 Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice"
<b>Legal acts regulating the Status</b>	Constitution of Ukraine Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice", Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and the Status of Judges"
<b>Composition:</b>	
Total number of members	21 members
Term of office	4 years
Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?	No
Do the members have a full-time position or not?	Yes. Article 6 part two of Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice": Members of the High Council of Justice, except the President of the Supreme Court, shall perform their functions on a permanent basis Article 21 part one of Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice": the members of the High Council of Justice from among judges and prosecutors shall be guaranteed that the positions they hold at the time of their selection (appointment) to the High Council of Justice will be reserved for them throughout the whole term of their work in the High Council of Justice
Make up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 members elected by the Congress of Judges of Ukraine</li> <li>- 2 members elected by the Congress of Advocates of Ukraine</li> <li>- 2 members elected by the All-Ukrainian Conference of Prosecutors</li> <li>- 2 members elected by the Congress of Representatives of Higher Legal Educational Establishments and Research Institutions</li> <li>- 2 members appointed by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine</li> <li>- 2 members appointed by the President of Ukraine</li> <li>- President of the Supreme Court (ex officio)</li> </ul>

Is there a majority of Judges?	Yes. According to Article 5 of the Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice", the majority of members of the High Council of Justice are judges
Presidency	<p><b>Chairman:</b> shall be elected from among the members of the High Council of Justice at a session of the High Council of Justice by a secret ballot for a two-year term (Article 22 of the Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice")</p> <p><b>Deputy Chairman:</b> the High Council of Justice, by the submission of the Chairman of the High Council of Justice, shall elect the Deputy Chairman from among the members of the High Council of Justice for a two-year term. In case the Chairman of the High Council of Justice was elected from among the judges or retired judges, Deputy Chairman shall be elected from among the members of the High Council of Justice who are not judges or retired judges. In case the Chairman of the High Council of Justice was elected from among the members who are not judges or retired judges, the Deputy Chairman shall be elected from among the members of the High Council of Justice who are judges or retired judges. (Article 23 of the Law of Ukraine "On the High Council of Justice")</p>
<b>Main Competences:</b>	
Career of judges and / or prosecutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- make submissions for an appointment of a judge;</li> <li>- adopt a decision on violations of incompatibility requirements by a judge or a prosecutor;</li> <li>- adopt a decision on a dismissal of a judge;</li> <li>- adopt a decision on a transfer of a judge from one court to another or assign a judge temporarily to another court of the same level and specialization;</li> <li>- adopt a decision on recalling judges from retirement</li> </ul>
Judicial training	It is not within the competence of the High Council of Justice
Discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provide the administering of the disciplinary proceedings as a disciplinary body regarding a judge;</li> <li>- establish bodies to review disciplinary cases against judges;</li> <li>- review complaints against the decisions of relevant bodies to bring a disciplinary sanction against a judge or a prosecutor;</li> <li>- adopt a decision on a suspension of a judge from administering justice</li> </ul>
Ethics	Code on Judicial Ethics was approved at the XI regular Congress of judges of Ukraine on February 22, 2013
Opinions on legislation / other opinions	High Council of Justice provides advisory opinions, which are obligatory for examination, regarding draft laws on establishment, reorganization or liquidation of courts, on the judiciary and the status of judges; integrate recommendations from courts, judicial agencies and institutions regarding the legislation on their status and functioning, on the judiciary and the status of judges
Other competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- give consent to an arrest or a detention of a judge;</li> <li>- take measures to guarantee authority and independence of justice;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- participate in allocation of expenses of the state budget of Ukraine for the expenditures of courts, judicial agencies and institutions in accordance with the Budget Code of Ukraine;</li> <li>- agree on the number of judges in a court</li> </ul>
<b>Status of decisions</b>	Decisions of the High Council of Justice are administrative, legally binding, final and obligatory
<b>Review</b>	Decisions of Disciplinary chambers of the High Council of Justice can be subject to review before the High Council of Justice. Decisions of the High Council of Justice can be subject to review before the Supreme Court
<b>Budget</b>	<p>High Council of Justice acts as the main budget holder of funds for the state budget of Ukraine for the financing of its functioning. Expenditures for maintenance of the High Council of Justice are determined by a separate funding line in the state budget of Ukraine.</p> <p>Budget covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- remuneration of High Council of Justice members</li> <li>- salary of the employees of the High Council of Justice secretariat</li> <li>- salary of the disciplinary inspectors' service</li> <li>- international activity</li> <li>- material and technical provision of the High Council of Justice's activity</li> </ul>