SLOVAK BAR ASSOCIATION

national independent self-governed
professional organisation

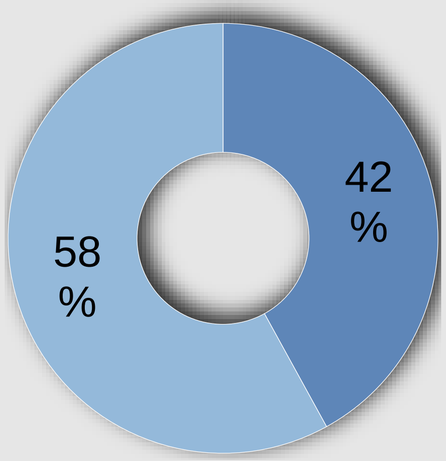
INSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP

SLOVENSKÁ ADVOKÁTSKA KOMORA

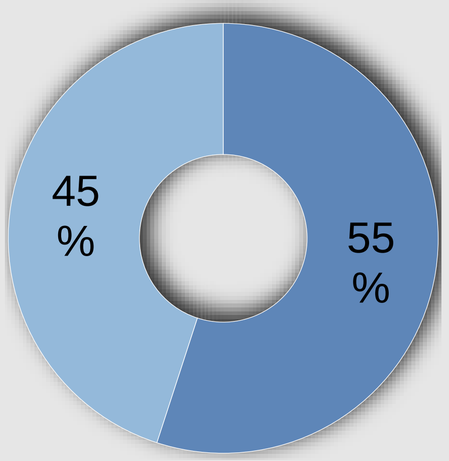
6336	LAWYERS
1888	TRAINEE LAWYERS
228	EUROPEAN LAWYERS
1501	COMPANIES

MEN / WOMEN RATIO

LAWYERS



TRAINEES



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

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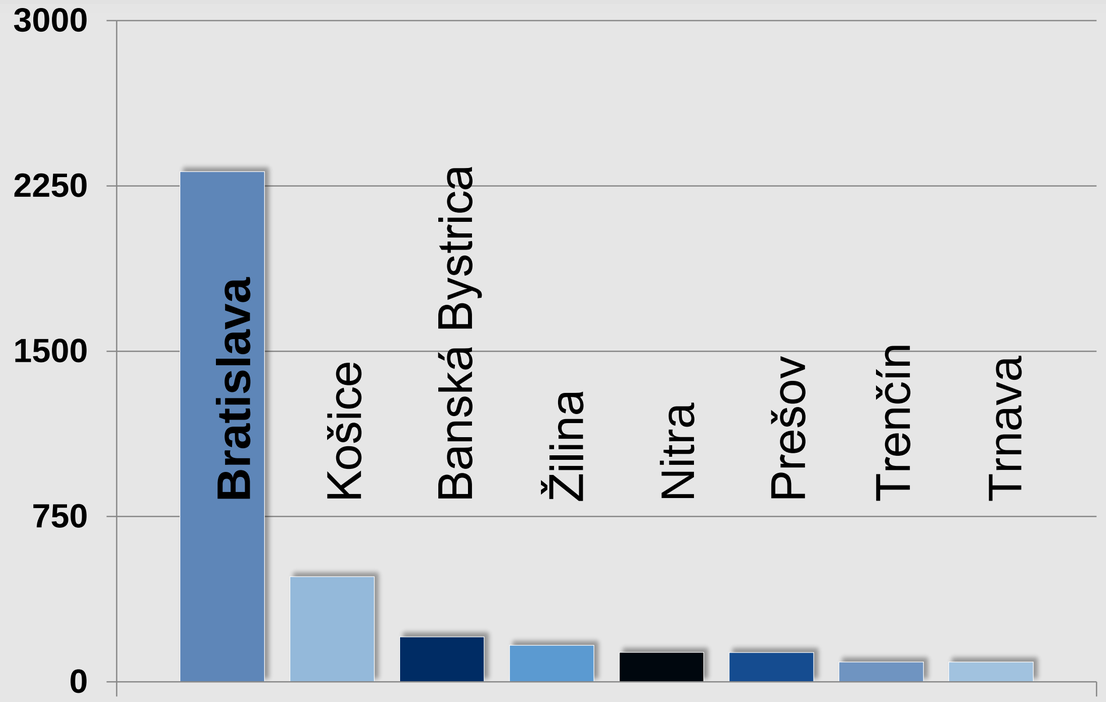
145 YEARS OF BARS ON THE TERRITORY OF SLOVAKIA

30 YEARS OF FREE AND INDEPENDENT LEGAL PROFESSION

17 YEAR OF FREE MOVEMENT OF LAWYERS IN THE EU

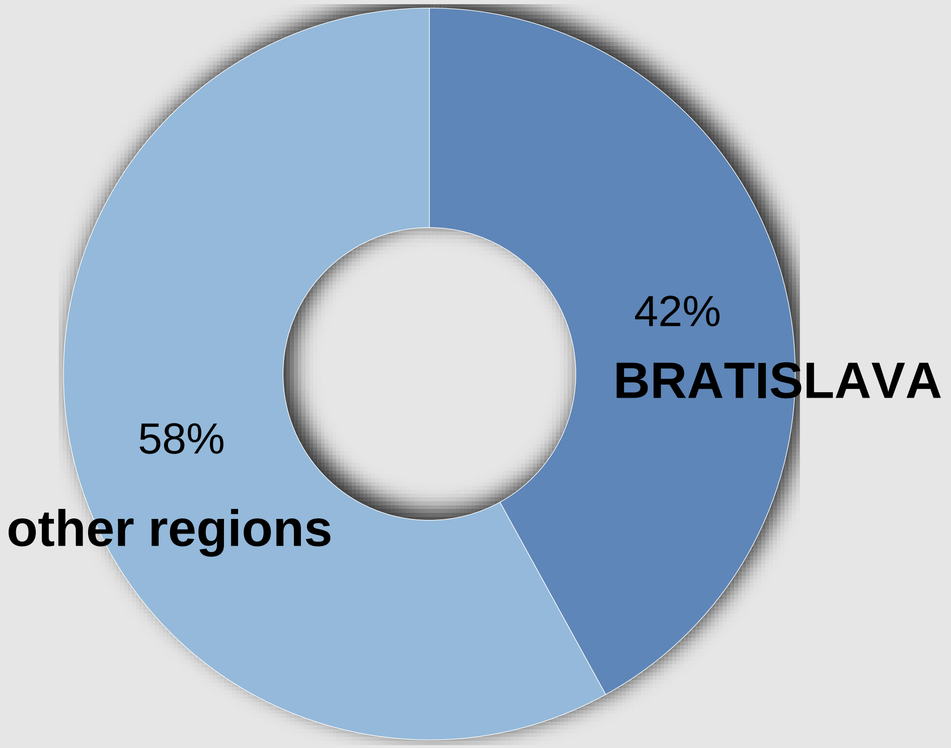


1875 First Bars | 1921 CSR | 1948 Socialism | 1989 Velvet Revolution | 2004 Accession to the EU

SLOVENSKÁ ADVOKÁTSKA KOMORA

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN ELECTED BODIES OF THE SLOVAK BAR ASSOCIATION 2010-2021

	2010/2021
other regions	**58 %**
Bratislava	**42 %**



WHAT WE DO

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LEGISLATION MONITORING	ARBITRATION COURT	REGISTER OF LAWYERS, TRAINEES AND COMPANIES	LEGAL AID AND PRO BONO
TRAINING AND EXAMS	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	DIGITALISATION	PUBLICATIONS AND SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL
RULE OF LAW AWARENESS BUILDING	FOUNDATION OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION	SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE	BUILDING LEGAL COMMUNITY

WHAT WE DO

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REGULATION

- Entry regulatory requirements
- Daily follow-ups

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TRAINING/ EXAMS

- 63 exams with 432 participants/year
- 155 training events for 6765 participants

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COMMUNITY

SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

- Deontology culture
- Strict oversight

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THE LEGAL PROFESSION

SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

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RULE OF LAW

- awareness raising in media
- Rule of Law watchdog

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DIGITALISATION

- Digital ecosystem
- Production and distribution of e-IDs

WHAT WE DO

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LEGISLATION MONITORING

- 100 comments/year
- Constructive and professional dialogue

COURT

REGISTER OF LAWYERS, TRAINEES AND COMPANIES

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INTERNATIONA L RELATIONS

CCBE, IBA, ECBA,
AIJA, CoE HELP,
EU grants, regional fora

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PUBLICATIONS AND SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

- 15 books
- 5 disciplinary collections
- Peer-reviewed Journal

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SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

BUILDING LEGAL COMMUNITY

- Academia
- Roundtables
- Legal Professionals
- Institutions

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LEGAL AID/ PRO BONO

- Legal aid centre
- 1300 Pro Bono Online
- 40 lawyers - Domestic Violance

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FOUNDATION

- 34 400 EUR aid
- Focus on the vulnerable and marginalised

MISSION OF THE
SLOVAK BAR

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VOICE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

BEING HEARD WHEN THE ROLE OF LAWYER IN THE RULE OF LAW STATE IS MISUNDERSTOOD OR MISINTERPRETED

REPRESENT
SUPERVISE
REGULATE

POWERS DELEGATED BY LAW

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND ACCESS TO LAWYER

MISSION OF THE SLOVAK BAR

SLOVENSKÁ ADVOKÁTSKA KOMORA

MINIMUM STANDARDS OF QUALITY

THE BEST INTEREST OF CLIENT

DEONTOLOGY PROMOTED BY THE BAR

ENFORCED BY SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINARY BODIES

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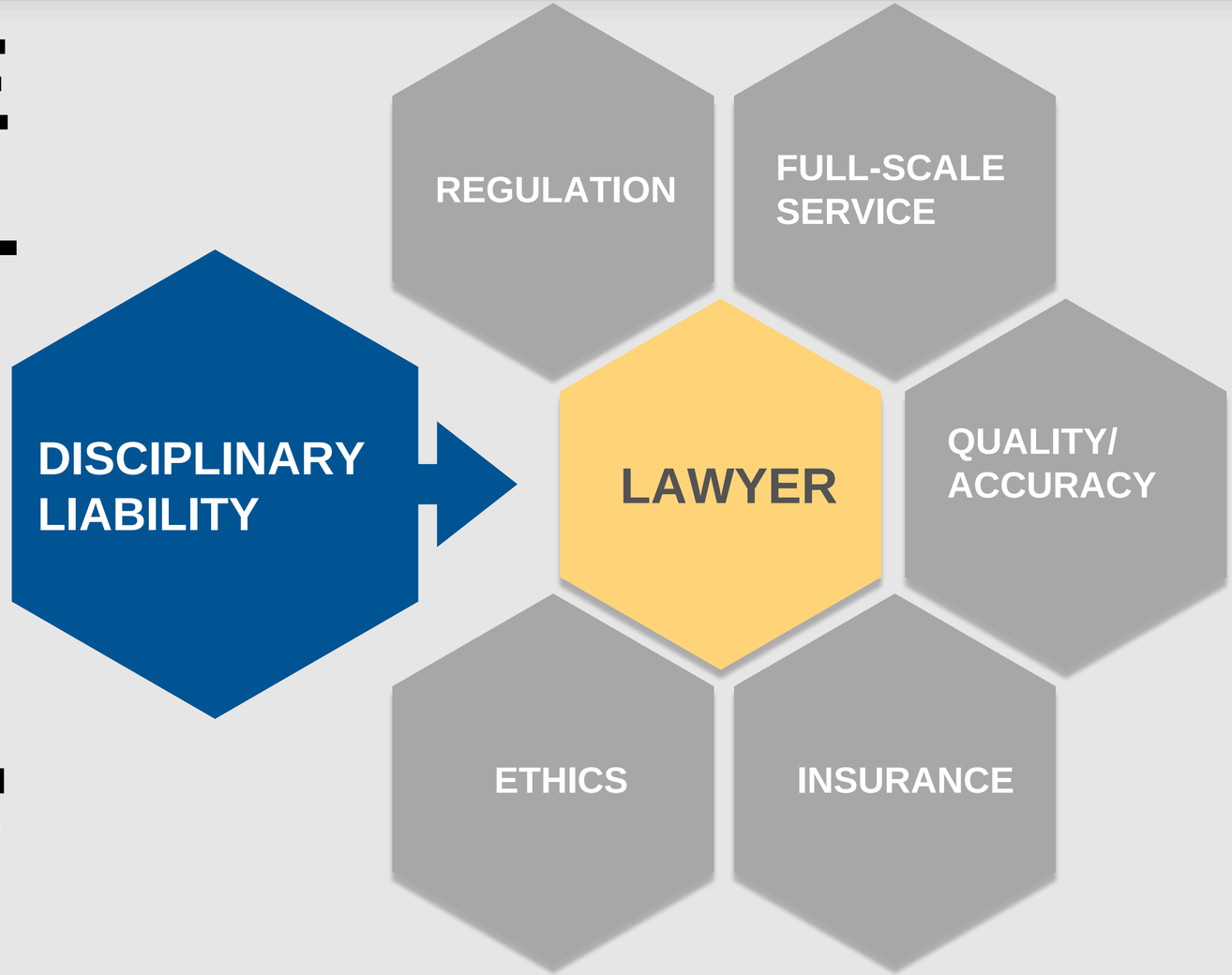
ADDED VALUE OF THE LEGAL SERVICE



BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION
TIME-PROVED BUT CONSTANTLY CHALLENGED

MODERN PROFESSION IN CHANGING MARKET

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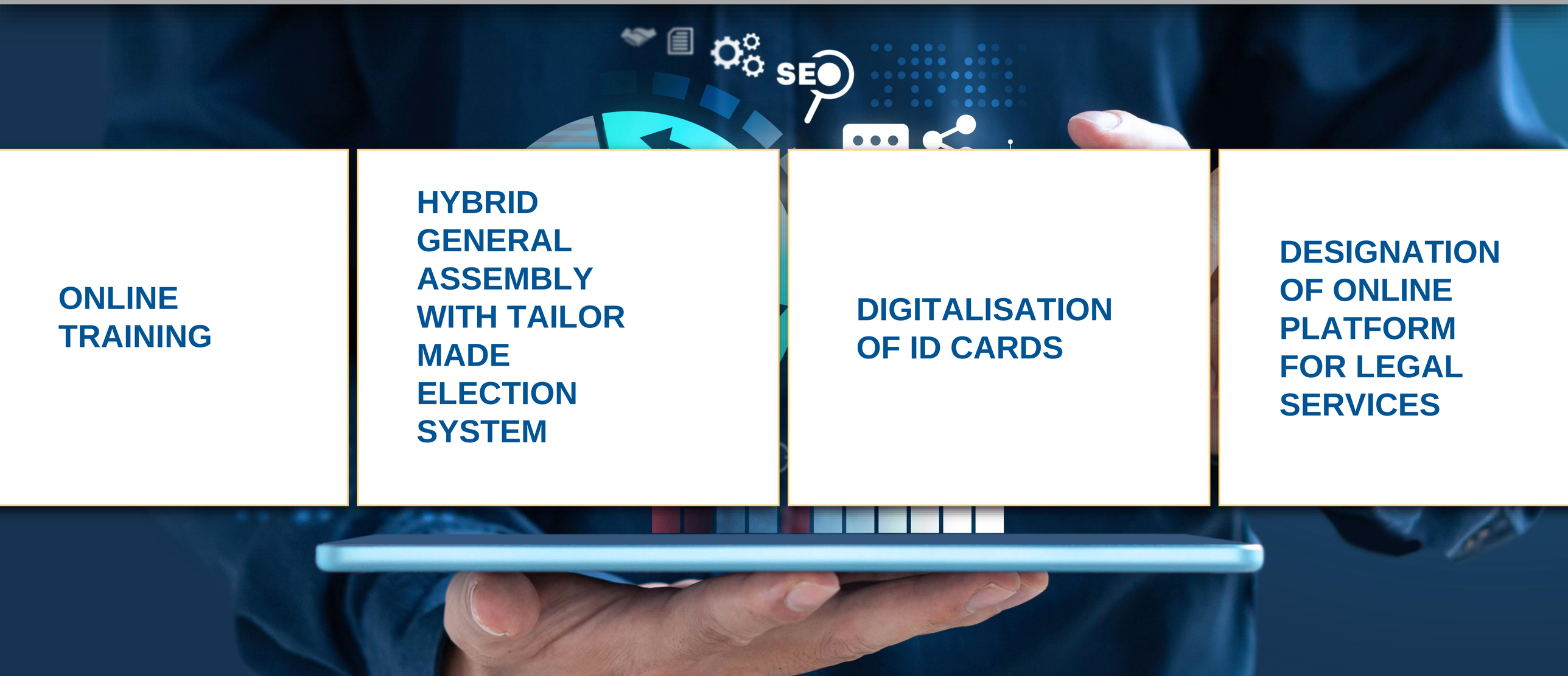

ONLINE TRAINING

HYBRID GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH TAILOR MADE ELECTION SYSTEM

DIGITALISATION OF ID CARDS

DESIGNATION OF ONLINE PLATFORM FOR LEGAL SERVICES

HOW WE GROW

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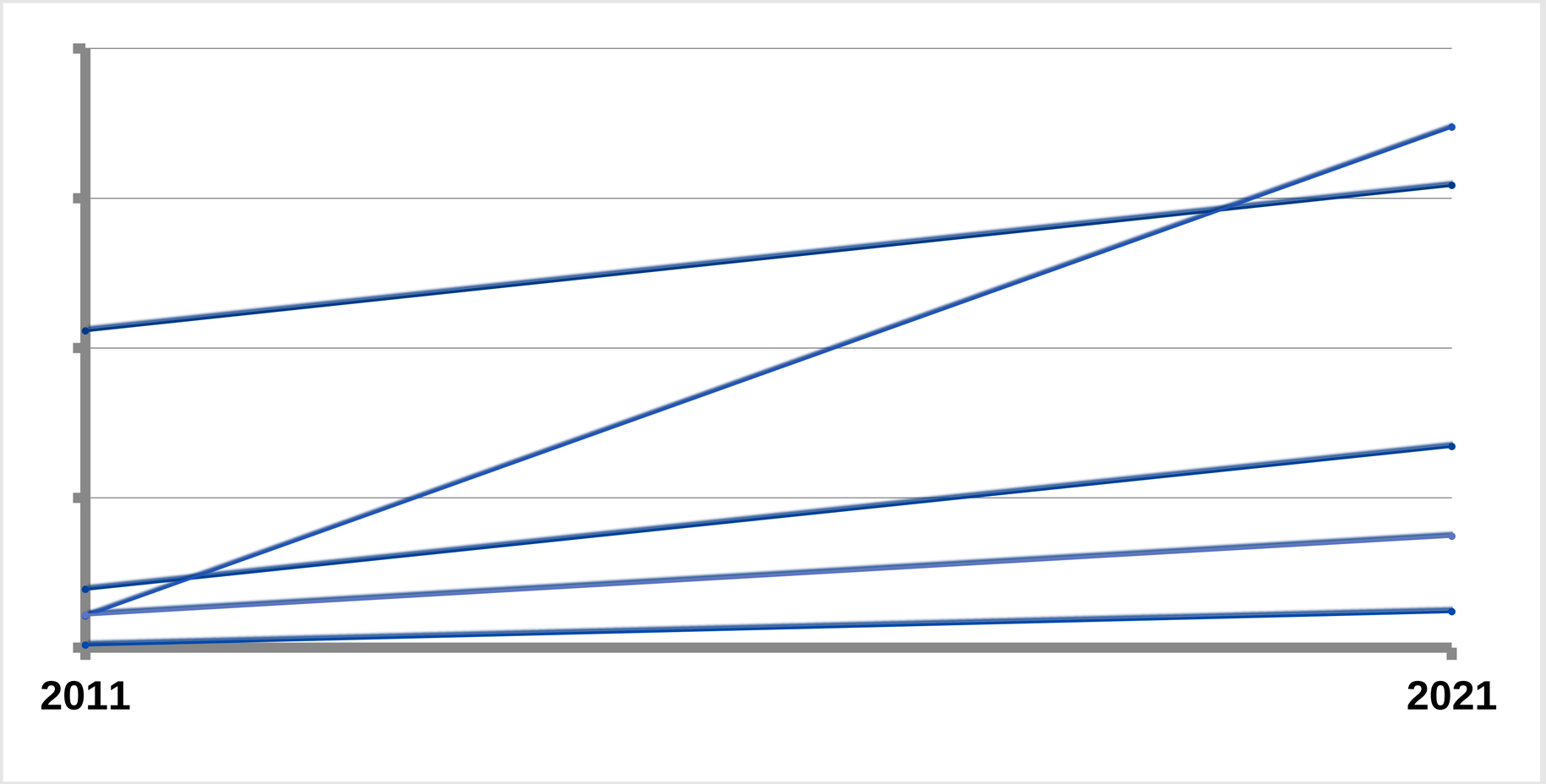


Media Outputs

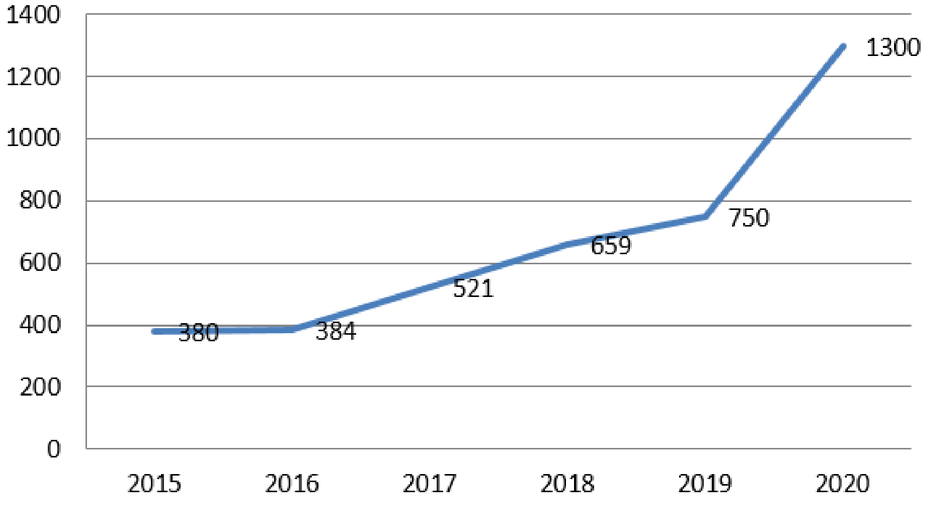
Lawyers

Training

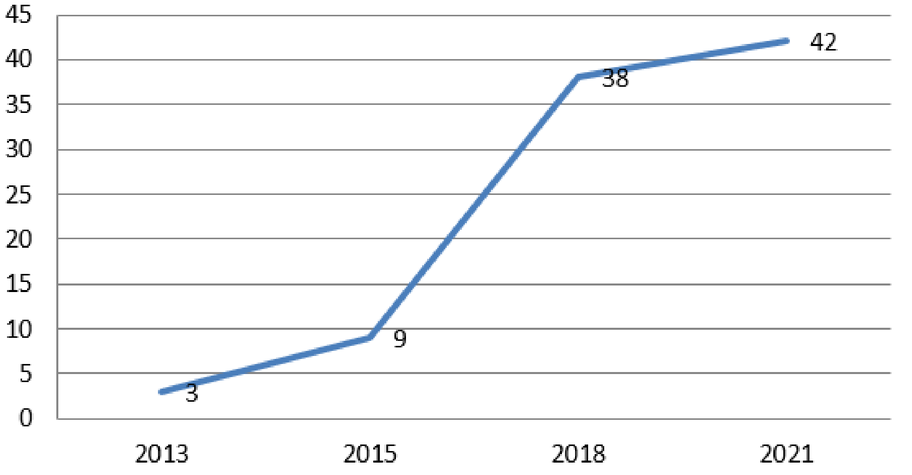
Legislation

Pro Bono Cases

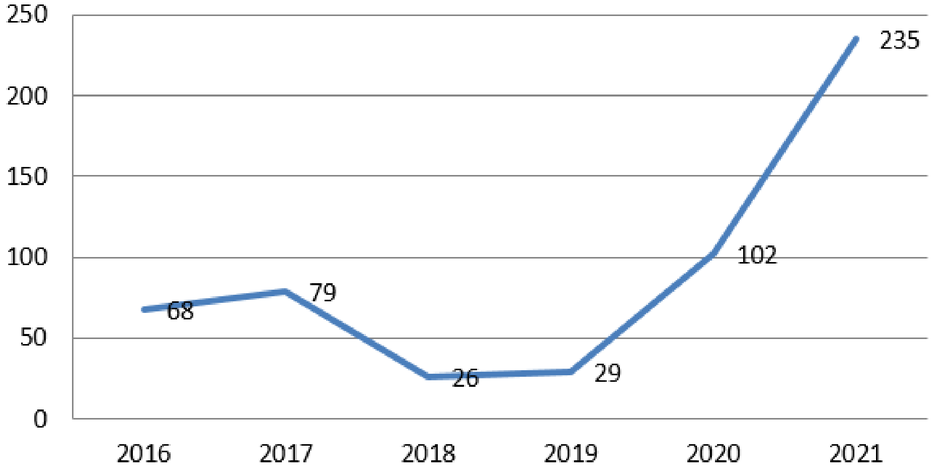
Pro bono cases
2015 – 2021



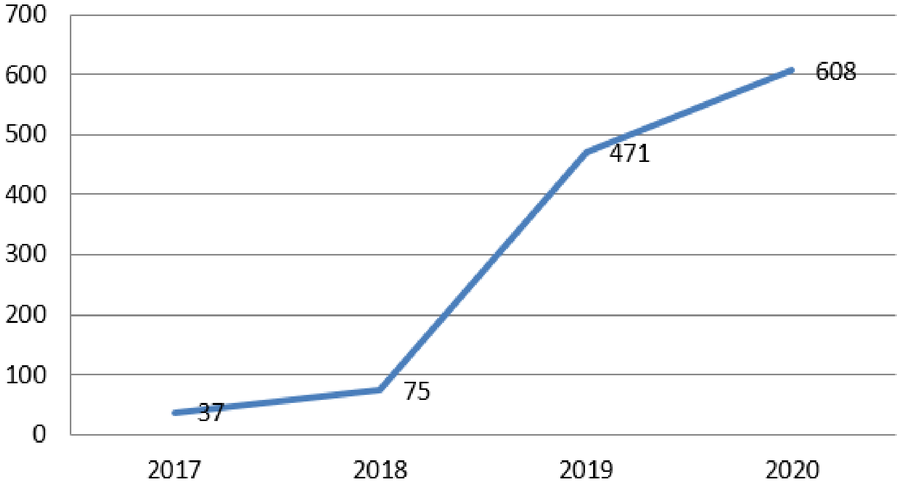
Training events
2011 – 2021



Legislation monitoring
2015 – 2021



Media outputs
2011 – 2021



DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE SLOVAK BAR ASSOCIATION

DISCIPLINARY MODEL SCHEME

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Complaint by anyone who thinks lawyer violated obligations

Supervision Committee assesses complaint and files petition

Decision taken by Disciplinary Panel

Appeal lodged by Lawyer OR Petitioner

Decision taken by the Disciplinary Panel of Appeal

Respondent applies to the court for a review of the final decision

Judicial review initiated by the Respondent or Slovak Bar Association

SUPERVISION COMMITEE OR MINISTER OF JUSTICE INITIATES PROCEEDING

DISCIPLINARY PANEL - CONDUCTS PROCEEDING

DISCIPLINARY PANEL OF APPEAL

GENERAL REGIONAL COURT

SUPREME COURT/SUPREME ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

MINISTER OF JUSTICE COMPETENCE

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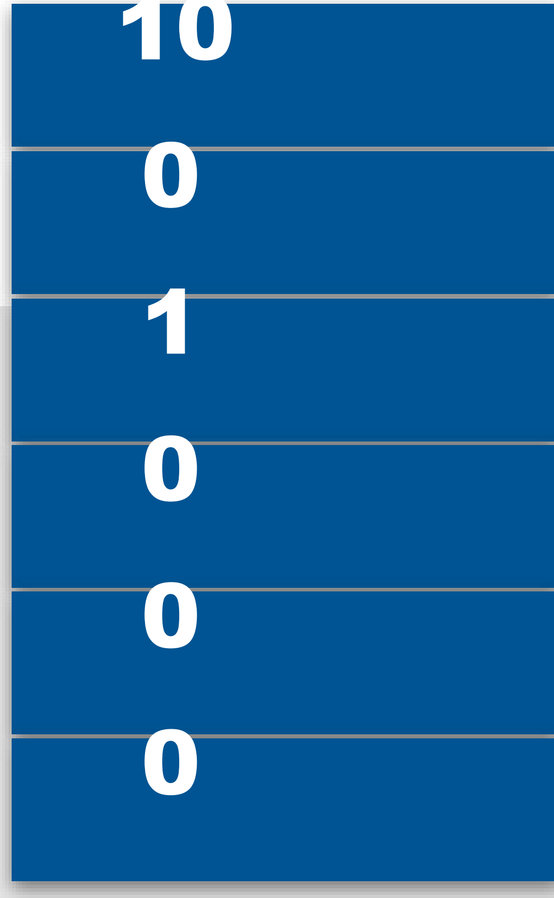
- To lodge a complaint as a regular complainant
- To raise objection to the action taken by the Supervision Committee
- To submit a petition (bypassing Supervision Committee)
- To submit an appeal against Disciplinary Panel decision
- Extraordinary remedy - to request to annul the final decision
- To bring action before Administrative Court

2011 - 2021



THE SUPERVISION COMMITTEE - STATISTICS

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12 MEMBERS
MAJORITY DECISION-MAKING

- independently assesses all complaints received by the Bar
- files a petition to initiate disciplinary proceeding
- may temporarily suspend lawyer from practice during the disciplinary proceeding
- issues written reprimand in case of minor misconduct

	2014/2015	*2015/2016*	*2016/2017*	*2017/2018*	*2018/2019*	*2019/2020*	*2020/2021*
complaints	**421**	**414**	**440**	**476**	**456**	**467**	**481**
petitions	**108**	**92**	**60**	**53**	**64**	**62**	**92**
reprimands	**29**	**23**	**13**	**35**	**34**	**31**	**24**

DISCIPLINARY PANELS STATISTICS

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41 MEMBERS
10 PANELS OF 3 MEMBERS

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
final decisions	128	72	93	108	69	53	84
monetary fine	58	22	44	37	30	36	48
disbarment	0	1	2	0	0	2	1
suspension	1	2	2	0	3	0	2
reprimand	5	6	5	17	7	4	8
no sanction	21	13	7	18	9	1	11
acquittal	23	22	17	20	17	8	13
discontinued	20	6	16	16	3	2	1

DISCIPLINARY PANELS OF APPEAL STATISTICS

SLOVENSKÁ ADVOKÁTSKA KOMORA

13 MEMBERS
3 PANELS OF 3 MEMBERS

	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
final decision	30	34	29	41	29	21	29
confirmed	18	22	15	22	16	7	20
referred back	5	3	5	9	2	3	1
amended	7	9	7	8	11	10	7

TOTAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO MEMBERSHIP

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Profession	*Number of members*	2017	2018	2019	2020
lawyers	*5447*	93	108	69	53
judges	*2086*	26	36	30	21
bailiff	*300*	9	12	5	9
notaries	*310*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
prosecutors	*1100*	16	15	13	n/a

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DISCIPLINARY LIABILITY IS A CORNERSTONE OF LEGAL PROFESSION

- Code of conduct with international standards
- Effective system without delays
- Administrative courts mostly confirm disciplinary decisions
- System of judicial overview works well

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CURRENT CHALLENGES AND PUBLICISED CASES INFLUENCE THE NARRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL DEBATE

- Lack of trust in traditional institutions
- Corruption affairs put the justice system into spotlight
- Misinterpretation of the Bar as a law enforcement body
- Pressure to inform about the cases with high media overage

ARGUMENTS PRO STATUS QUO

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- Functioning system, no relevant arguments for change
- Destabilization of past development
- Invasive interference into Bar autonomy and case law
- Vast majority of cases are issues related to regular lawyer practice
- Specific character of independence of lawyers vis-à-vis state
- Risk of court capacity overload - number of cases / lack of SAC practice

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PROF. PAVEL HOLLÄNDER

“It is a significant limitation of professional self-governance, it is a manifestation of the state-controlled society, penetration of the society by the state, one of the examples of abandoning the 1989 turning point when Czechoslovakia, and in this respect also Slovakia, was trying to break the state´s grip on the society and return to the principles of civil society. It creates an illusion that decisions made by the state are always more rational and fairer.

The balance between the value of professional self-governance and the protection of individual rights is in fact achieved by a model in which decision-making in disciplinary matters on the merits is vested in the Bar and the review that eliminates excessive decisions is vested in judicial authorities.

As far as the Venice Commission mission is concerned, the fact that you know better than I do is that there is no single European model for the functioning of bar associations.

In Central Europe, i.e. in Germany and Austria-Hungary and later in the interwar Czechoslovakia, an etatist model was created in which Bars operated at higher level courts.“

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“If we rightly leave the period of totalitarianism aside, the year 1989 brought the efforts towards deetatization, creation of professional self-governance, which also performs certain tasks of the state (e.g. verification of qualification requirements, licensing procedure). Disruption, i.e. pluralism of Bars without their copying the system of the judiciary in the sense of the "old Austrian" model, creates a system that would lack rationality: it would not be able to ensure the uniformity of requirements for the exercise of the legal profession, consistency of interpretation of disciplinary offenses, etc. It would create an internal contradiction and entropy.

This would sooner or later result in the state involvement, i.e. taking over these functions of the Bar by the state, and consequently in the increase in etatism, re-emergence of the state Moloch. Naturally, the new system would weaken the profession or even make it impossible to enforce its representative presence in its dealings with the state; this would in fact mean the end of it. The loss of a significant partner, often an opponent, involved in the formation of state policies in relation to the issues concerning legal profession, would thus again only lead to an increase in etatism.”

SLOVENSKÁ ADVOKÁTSKA KOMORA

THANK YOU

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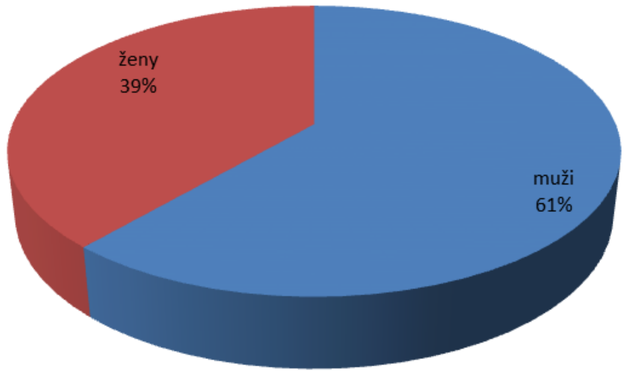
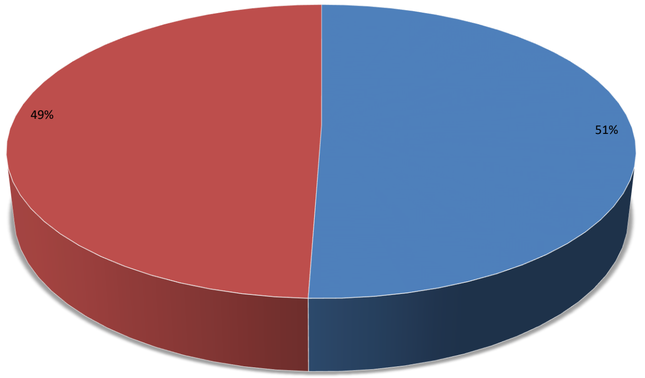
	2009	2019
Women	1436	2589
Men	2153	2684
	3589	5273

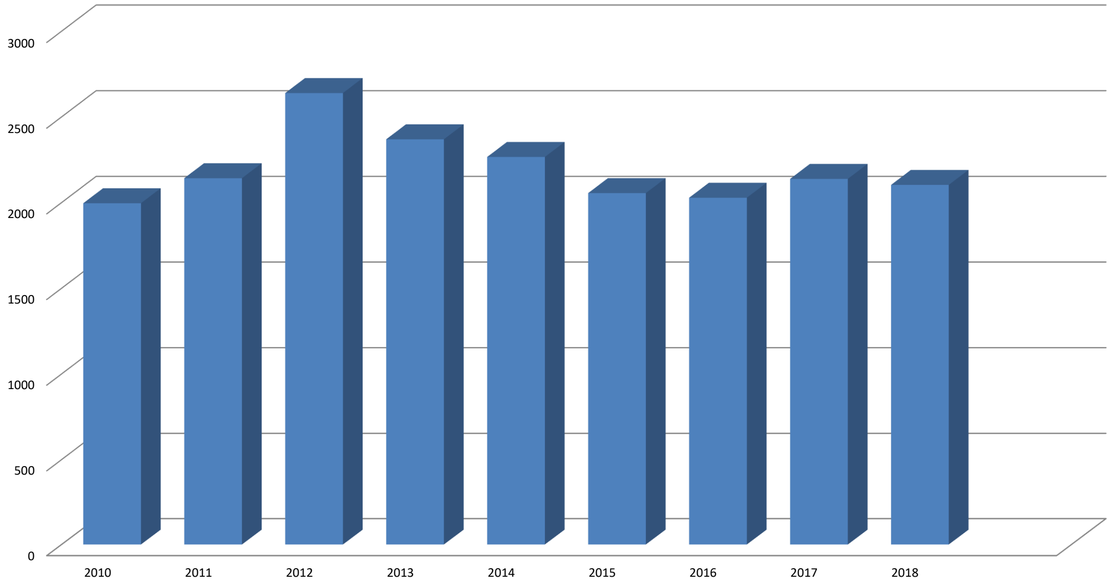
2009



Gender ratio – lawyers 2021



Number of trainee lawyers since 2010



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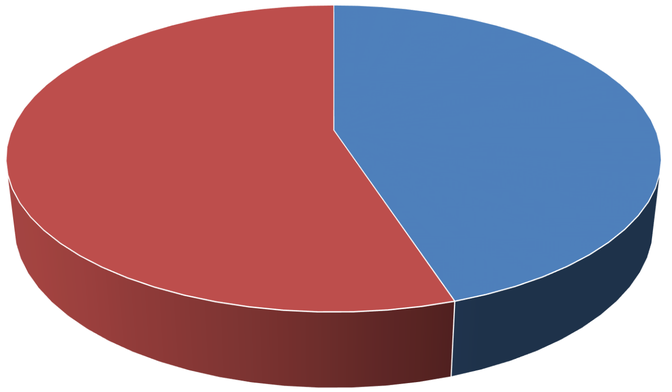

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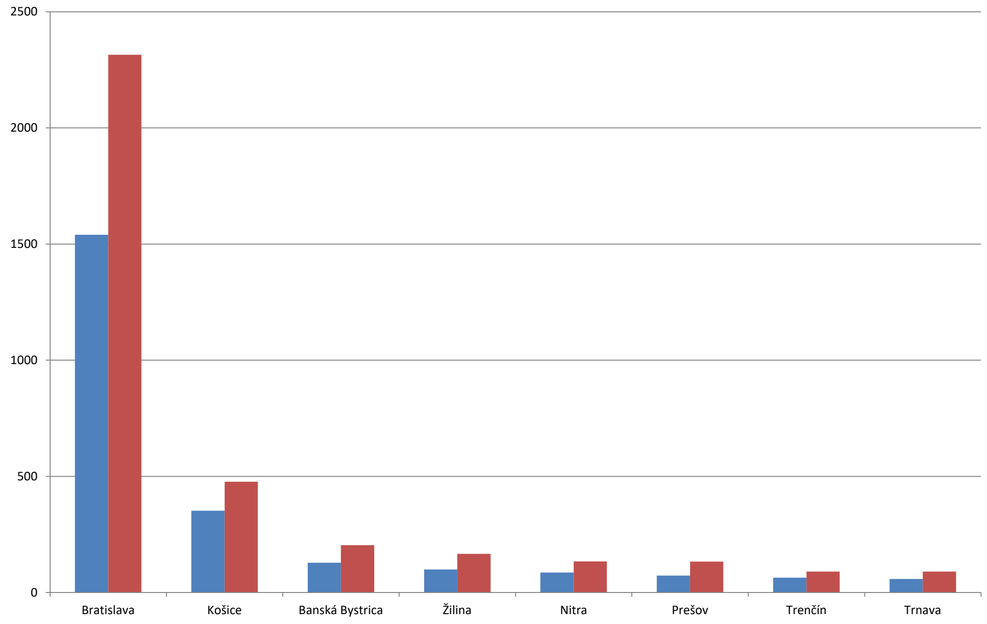
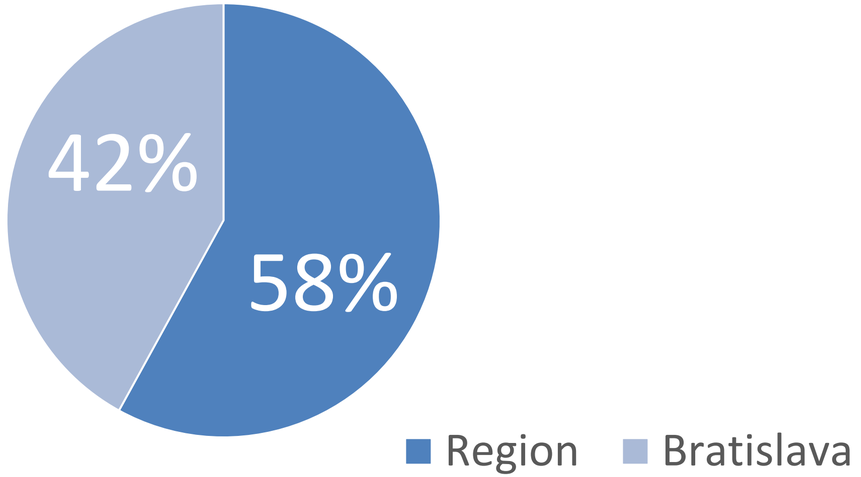
Number of active lawyers in regional capitals in 2009 and 2021



	2009	2018
Bratislava	1540	2315
Košice	352	477
Banská Bystrica	128	204
Žilina	99	166
Nitra	86	134
Prešov	73	133
Trnava	58	90
Trenčín	64	90

Regional representation in elected bodies of the Slovak Bar Association 2010-2021



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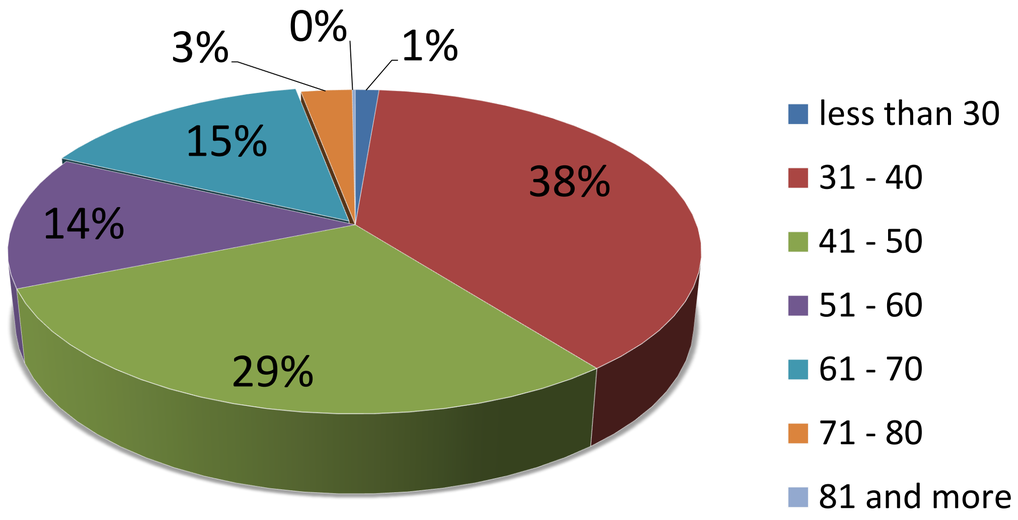
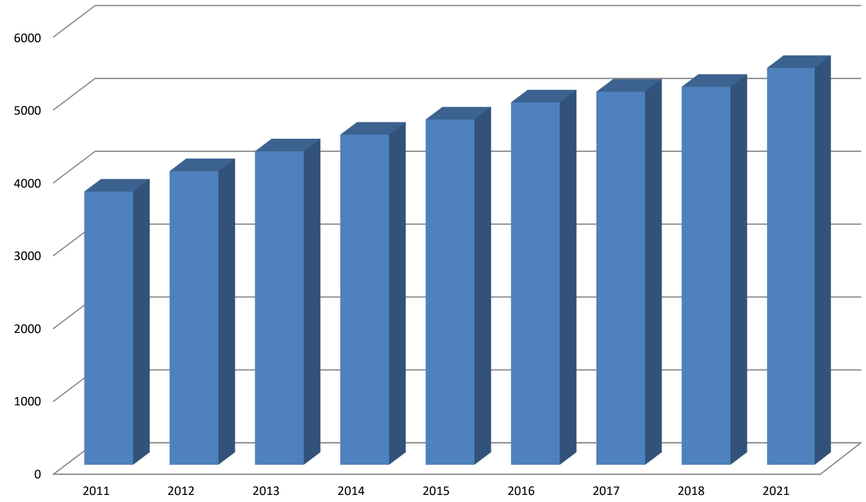
Number of lawyers – age distribution



Number of lawyers (active status) 2011 - 2021



	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017	2017/ 2018	2018/ 2019	2020/ 2021
Active status	3749	4030	4302	4530	4738	4973	5120	5187	5284	5448

Age	Number
Less than 30	68
31 - 40 years	2017
41 - 50 years	1543
51 - 60 years	702
61 - 70 years	789
71 - 80 years	147
81 and more	9