



## SUMMARY

**on the session of the National Judicial Council  
held via Skype videoconference  
on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 between 09:00 and 16:30**

*with the participation of 15 members of the National Judicial Council  
and in the presence with the right to consult of  
Monika Erőss Dr., vice-president of the National Office for the Judiciary  
Pál Völner Dr., state secretary of the Ministry of Justice  
István Lajtár Dr., deputy for public affairs of the General Prosecutor  
János Bánáti Dr., president of the Hungarian Bar Association,  
István Petraskó Dr., vice-president of the National Chamber of Public Notaries  
and Judit Zsófia Oltai Dr. president of the Hungarian Association of Judges*

1. The National Judicial Council (OBT) discussed the report of the President of the Kúria on the appointment of judges and judicial leaders in 2020 and formed a positive opinion.
2. The OBT discussed the report of the President of the National Office for the Judiciary (OBH) on the appointment of judges and judicial leaders (court presidents, vice-presidents etc.) in 2020 and formed the following opinion:
  - In the case of court leader applications where the President of the OBH did not accept any of the candidates (unsuccessful applications) OBT raises concerns about the lack of unified criteria.
  - The legal criteria of the OBH Regulation on Court Administration were not applied.
  - OBT finds it worrisome that some of reasonings of ‘unsuccessful’ resolutions referred to facts which the candidate had no opportunity to comment or challenge during the procedure and assesses data that the candidate did not give the approval for in the application.
  - OBT also notes that the President of the OBH failed deadlines in some of the procedures.
  - There were no other objections regarding the appointment practice of court leaders and no negative comments on the appointment of judges.
3. The OBT decided to publish the report of the delegated members on the European Commission 2021 Rule of Law Report information exchange held on 26 April 2021 on its webpage.
4. A member of OBT reported that the President of the OBH rejected his request to study court administration documents. OBT decided to continue the discussion of this topic on the session held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

5. The National Judicial Council decided on the future course of the prepared amendment of the decision 87/2018 (IX.5.) OBT on the 'Juhász Andor Award' upon the request of the preparatory commission.
6. The OBT donated '15 years of outstanding Judicial Service' award certificates to judges regarding the year 2021.
7. The OBT denied the approval of the appointment of the Dombóvár District Court for the third term.
8. The OBT also decided on personnel issues.