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Initial training of judges and prosecutors in the European Union

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General description

Pursuant to Act No. 548/2003 on the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic, the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic organises initial training in the spring and autumn of the year. The aim of this form of training is to inform judicial candidates about the development of theory and practice in the judicial system of the Slovak Republic as well as court practice in a broader European Context. The training also covers the skills and work habits necessary to become a judge or prosecutor.

Access to the initial training

The initial training is for candidate judges, candidate prosecutors, higher court officials and assistants of judges of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic. Pursuant to the Act No. 548/2003 on the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic § 3 initial training is obligatory and for that reason is not competitive and is open for all applicants. The information about organisation is on our web site where we inform about content, lecturers and the date.

Format and content of the initial training

The training is divided in 2 parts (4 days of training). The first part covers judge statutes law, judge's disciplinary accountability and judge's ethics, Governance of Office Rules and the application thereof, work of register and work with information system and case law of domestic and foreign courts.

The second part covers the rehearsal (training) of a non- criminal judgment and criminal judgment, participation of the public and presence of the media in the court room, court room skill practice, practical skills learning, learning of procedural aspects and habits that are necessary to take a judge's office, analysis of practical cases, provision of proper reasoning of judgments and procedure without undue delay.

Termination of the initial training and qualification process

The Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic plans and organises two terms of professional Judicial Examinations in spring and autumn every year for candidate judges, candidate prosecutors, higher court officials and assistants of judges of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic in written and oral form. The oral form of the professional judicial exam is executed by the Examination Panels, which are nominated by the Board of the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic. Members of the Examination panels as well as substitute members of Examination Panels are elected for a three year term.

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