

Croatia

The specialised courts are commercial courts (*trgovački sudovi*) and administrative courts (*upravni sudovi*) as courts of first instance, and the High Misdemeanour Court of the Republic of Croatia (*Visoki prekršajni sud Republike Hrvatske*), the High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia (*Visoki trgovački sud Republike Hrvatske*) and the High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia (*Visoki upravni sud Republike Hrvatske*) as courts of second instance.

As regards their areas of jurisdiction:

Commercial courts

There are nine commercial courts in the Republic of Croatia (Zagreb, Split, Rijeka, Osijek, Bjelovar, Varaždin, Zadar, Pazin, Dubrovnik), which:

- rule on contentious and non-contentious matters where this is provided for by a dedicated law;
- act in matters of registration and maintain court registers;
- decide on applications in connection with the establishment, operation and closure of a company;
- rule on proposals to launch bankruptcy proceedings and pursue pre-bankruptcy and bankruptcy proceedings;
- decide on entries in the Register of Ships and Yachts in those matters delegated under the Maritime Code to the jurisdiction of the commercial courts, on the limitation of liability of the ship owners and complaints against the final basis for liquidation of the general average, unless otherwise specified by law for a particular type of case;
- conduct procedures for the recognition of foreign court rulings, as well as arbitration awards in commercial disputes;
- secure evidence for proceedings over which they have jurisdiction;
- impose protective measures in proceedings and in relation to proceedings over which they have jurisdiction;
- provide international legal assistance in the taking of evidence in commercial matters;
- perform other duties laid down by law.

Commercial courts in the Republic of Croatia**Administrative courts**

There are four administrative courts in the Republic of Croatia, in Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and Osijek, which:

- rule on actions taken against individual decisions of bodies governed by public law;
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- rule on actions for failure to adopt individual decisions or failure on the part of a body governed by public law to act within a statutory deadline;
- rule on actions taken against administrative agreements and the execution of administrative agreements;
- rule in other cases prescribed by law.

Administrative courts in the Republic of Croatia**The High Misdemeanour Court of the Republic of Croatia**

rules on ordinary legal remedies against decisions of the municipal courts in misdemeanour cases and decisions of public law bodies conducting first-instance infringement proceedings where this is provided for by a dedicated law;

- rules on jurisdictional disputes between municipal courts in misdemeanour cases;
- rules on extraordinary legal remedies against final and binding decisions concerning a misdemeanour where this is provided for by a dedicated law;
- rules on appeals in cases of international judicial cooperation with the EU Member States in misdemeanour matters under their jurisdiction;
- supervises the orderly conduct of the judges working on misdemeanour cases;
- performs other duties laid down by law.

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The High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia

rules on appeals against first-instance rulings of the commercial courts;

- resolves disputes concerning territorial jurisdiction among commercial courts and rules on the delegation of jurisdiction to commercial courts;
- performs other duties laid down by law.

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The High Administrative Court of the Republic of Croatia

rules on appeals against judgments of the administrative courts and appealable decisions;

- rules on the legality of general acts;
- rules on disputes concerning jurisdiction among administrative courts;
- rules in other cases prescribed by law.

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