

LIETUVOS VYRIAUSIASIS ADMINISTRACINIS TEISMAS

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Summary of Annual Report

Introductory Word

The Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania in an attempt to continue the tradition of presenting accounts of its working results achieved in the previous year has rendered this information in the e-version this year. We hope that this format, being more convenient to users, will make our account available to a wider circle of readers.

A survey of works accomplished by the Court over 2007 offers not only essential data on the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania and its competence, composition or structure. It also provides information on such issues as the most prominent trends in the practice of investigation into administrative disputes or on statistical data relating to the working load borne by the Supreme Administrative Court and its judges, or on trial results in 2007.

We are pleased that the problems of administrative law and administrative proceedings receive much attention from you. We believe that our present account will be interesting and useful to you.

Composition and structure of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania

Established on the grounds of the Law of 19 September 2000 No VIII-1928 the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania started its activities on 01 January 2001.

The number of 15 judges at the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania was determined by the Lithuanian Republic President's Decree of 22 November 2000 No 1097. However, structural changes in 2007 accounted for the long-standing practice of trying of administrative disputes by 11 judges.

At the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania a Judicial Board consisting of three judges usually investigates administrative cases. For the

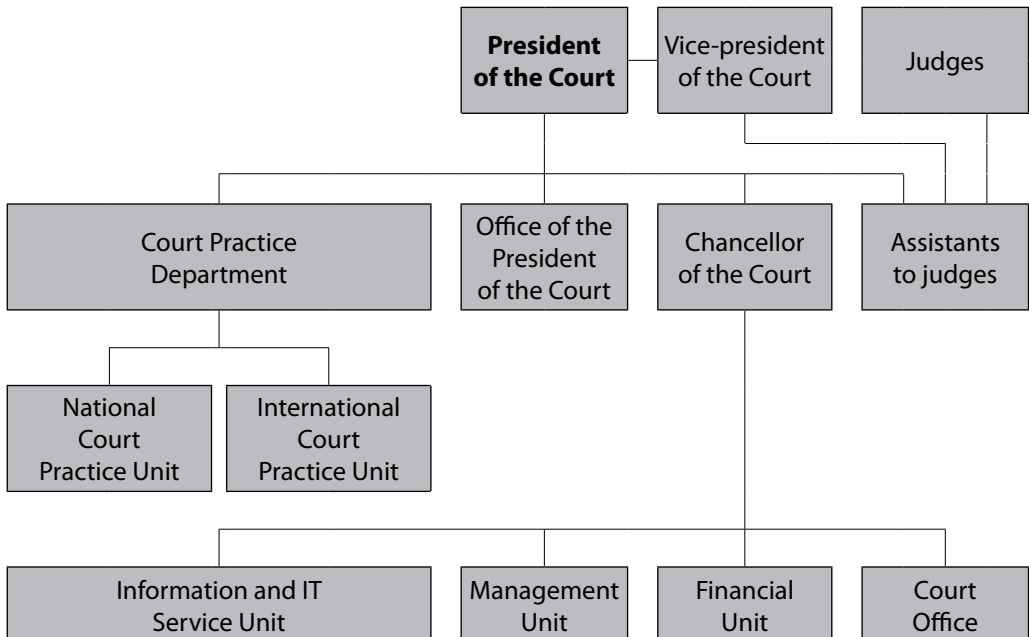
purpose of trying complex cases an extended board of five judges may be created on the Court President's initiative or the Judicial Board's motion. Otherwise, the case may be referred to a Court's plenary session.

Court personnel help judges of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania to carry out their functions. In late 2007 the number of staff members totalled to 44 employees, including 38 career public officers and 6 employees working on a labour contract basis.

Judicial personnel are composed of advisors and assistants to the Court President, assistants to judges, and Court Practice Department consultants. In late 2007 there were 26 judicial staff members at the Court. All of them have a degree of Master of Law, including two Doctors of Social Sciences (Law), and five employees currently following their doctoral course of study in the area of law.

Mean age of judicial staff members is 32 years. Women account for 79 per cent and men – for 21 per cent of the total number of judicial workers.

Structure of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania



Judges of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania

Dr. Virgilijus Valančius

President of Court

Born on the 12th of June 1963 in the city of Plungė.

1986 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.

1986–1990 – worked in the public prosecutor's office (as a trainee, later – as an investigator, public prosecutor).

1991–1994 – judge of Vilnius 1st District Court, deputy president of the court.

1995–2002 – judge of the Court of Appeals of Lithuania, president of the Civil cases division

From 2002 – president of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Virgilijus Valančius is a Doctor of Social Sciences (Law), associated professor at the Department of Civil procedure of Mykolas Romeris University. Author of many scientific publications on constitutional law, civil and administrative procedure. Head of the working groups for the preparation of the Draft Code of Civil Procedure and Draft Code of Administrative Procedure of Lithuania.

Antanas Ablingis

Judge

Born on the 2nd of February 1947 in Sudėnai village, Šilutė region.

1972 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.

1972–1975 – judge of Kaišiadorys District Court.

1975–1990 – private law practice.

1990–1993 – judge of Kaunas City District Court, president of court.

1993–1995 – director of the Department of Courts at the Ministry of Justice.

In 1995–2000 – judge of the Court of Appeals of Lithuania.

From 2001 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Laimutis Alechnavičius

Judge

Born on the 18th of November 1966 in Upninkai village, Jonava region.
1989 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty. Started to work at public prosecutors' office of Vilnius city as a trainee, later – as an investigator.
1992 – 1999 served at the Office of the Prosecutor General as an investigator of Crime Investigation Department, investigator of most important cases, prosecutor at the Division of Fight against Organized Crime and Corruption.
In 1999 was appointed a judge of Vilnius Regional Administrative Court. By the Decree of the President of the State of 26th of August 1999 delegated to the Department of Courts at the Ministry of Justice, where served as the deputy director of the mentioned department. From January 2000 continued to serve as a judge at Vilnius Regional Administrative Court.
From 2007 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Laimė Baltrūnaitė

Judge

Born on the 20th of May 1952 in Ryliškiai village, Utena region.
1977 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.
1977 – 1993 Worked in Internal Affairs Division of Šiauliai city as an investigator, deputy chief, chief of the Investigation sub-division, later – as a chief of interregional Investigation division of Šiauliai and Joniškis, chief of the Investigation division at the Police Commissariat of Šiauliai city.
1993–1999 Deputy director of the Investigation Department at the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Lithuania.
In 1999 was appointed a judge of Vilnius Regional Administrative Court, in 2007 – a judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Anatolijus Baranovas

Judge

Born on the 19th of April 1952 in Vilnius.
1979 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty. Started working as a trainee in Vilnius 1 District Court, in 1980 was appointed as a judge of the latter court.
1984–1987 and 1990–1995 – judge of the Supreme Court of Lithuania (In 1992–1995 – member of the Presidium of the Supreme Court).
1995–2001 – advocate.
From 2001 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Artūras Drigotas

Judge

Born on the 9th of October 1965 in Joniškis.

1990 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty. Started working as a trainee, later – as a bailiff in Vilnius 1st District Court. In 1991 was appointed a judge of Vilnius 4 District Court.

1991–1993 – judge of Vilnius 4th District Court, president of the court.

1993–1995 – private law practice.

1995–1997 – secretary at the Ministry of Justice, director of the Department of Courts at the Ministry of Justice.

1997–2002 – judge of Vilnius Regional Court.

From 2002 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Stasys Gagys

Judge

Born on the 25th of May 1957 in Molėtai.

1986 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty. Already during studentship started to work as an investigator in Vilnius city and continued in this position until 1988.

1988–1990 – lecturer at the Center of Studies of the Ministry of Interior.

1990–1994 – Inspector, lecturer at the Police Academy of Lithuania.

In 1994 was appointed a judge of District Court of Vilnius circuit, in 1999 – a judge of Vilnius Regional Administrative court.

From 2007 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Stasys Gudynas

Judge

Born on the 8th of April 1944 in Lazdijai region.

1970 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.

1970–1976 – judge of Kėdainiai District Court.

1976–1982 – judge of Utena District Court, president of the court.

1982–1987 – judge of Trakai District Court.

1987–1990 – judge of Vilnius 3rd District Court, president of court.

1990–1995 – judge of the Supreme Court of Lithuania.

1995–2001 – judge of Vilnius Regional Court.

From 2001 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Birutė Janavičiūtė

Judge

Born on the 11th of December 1956 in Mijaugoniai village, Kaišiadorys region.
1985 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.
1985–1988 – court secretary at the Supreme Court of Lithuania.
1988–1994 – private law practice.
1994–1995 – assistant of judge at the Supreme Court of Lithuania.
1995–1999 – judge of Vilnius 1st District Court.
1999–2001 – judge of the Higher Administrative Court.
From 2001 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Romanas Klišauskas

Judge

Born on the 14th of April 1963 in Vzmorje village, Kaliningrad region.
1986 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.
1986–1990 – private law practice.
1990–1992 – judge of Jurbarkas District Court.
1992–1996 – judge of Šilutė District Court.
1996–2001 – judge of the Court of Appeals of Lithuania.
From 2001 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Ričardas Piličiauskas

Judge

Born on the 8th of April 1969 in Alytus.
1993 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty; remained to work there as a lecturer till 2000.
1995–1999 – judge of Vilnius 2nd District Court.
1999–2001 – judge of the Higher Administrative Court.
From 2001 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Dainius Raižys

Judge

Born on the 12th of May 1963 in Jieznas town, Prienai region.

1986 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.

1986–1990 – investigator at the Internal Affairs Division of Kaunas City.

1990–1999 – private law practice.

In March 1999 was appointed a judge of District Court of Kaunas circuit, in December 1999 – a judge of Kaunas Regional Administrative Court.

From 2007 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Arūnas Sutkevičius

Judge

Born on the 22nd of December 1967 in Telšiai.

1994 – graduated Vilnius University, Law Faculty.

1991–1992 – investigator at the Police Headquarters of Telšiai.

1992–1994 – investigator at the District Prosecutor's Office of Telšiai.

1994–2001 – judge of Telšiai District Court.

2001–2005 – judge of Klaipėda Regional Administrative Court.

From 2005 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Vaida Urmonaitė

Judge

Born on the 18th of October 1958 in Šiauliai.

1988 graduated Vilnius University Law faculty.

1988– 991 – fellowship at the Court Expertise Research Institute, later – at the Department of State Law Information.

1991–1997 – public prosecutor at the District Prosecutor's Office of Vilnius city, later – deputy chief prosecutor at the Regional Prosecutor's Office of Vilnius.

1997–2000 – judge of Vilnius 1st District Court.

2000–2002 – judge of Vilnius 2nd District Court.

2002–2005 – deputy Prosecutor General.

From 2005 – judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania.

Statistical data

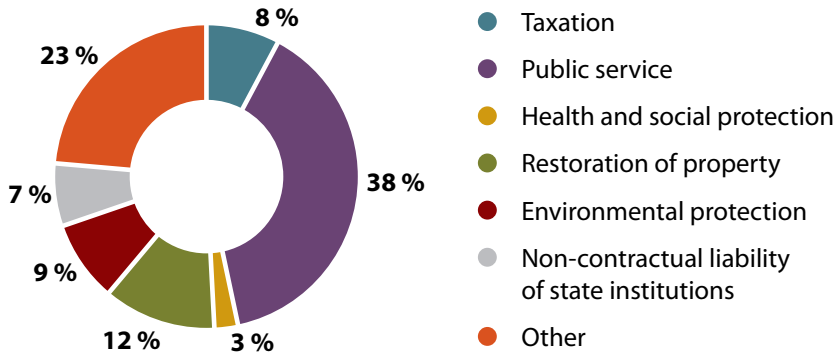
Including the backlog from previous year,¹⁴ in 2007 the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania decided **4 690** administrative cases:

	Decided
Appeals on final judgements of regional administrative courts (administrative cases)	1 353
Appeals on interim rulings of regional administrative courts (administrative cases)	772
Cases concerning the legality of normative administrative acts	20
Electoral cases	41
Requests for reopening of proceedings in administrative cases	269
Requests for renovation of procedural terms in administrative cases	480
Appeals on judgements and interim rulings in cases of administrative offences	1 755

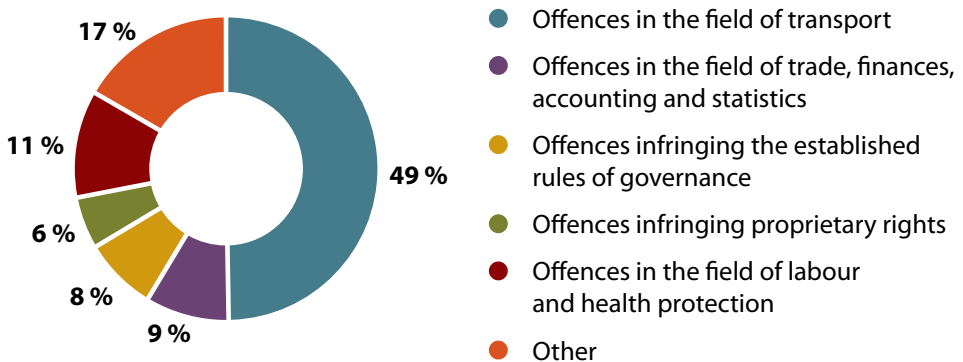
In average, during the year 2007 each judge of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania had **369** cases as a reporting judge.

¹⁴ In 2007 the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania received 5 495 new cases.

Administrative cases received in 2007
(by subject matter)



Cases of administrative offences received in 2007
(by subject matter)

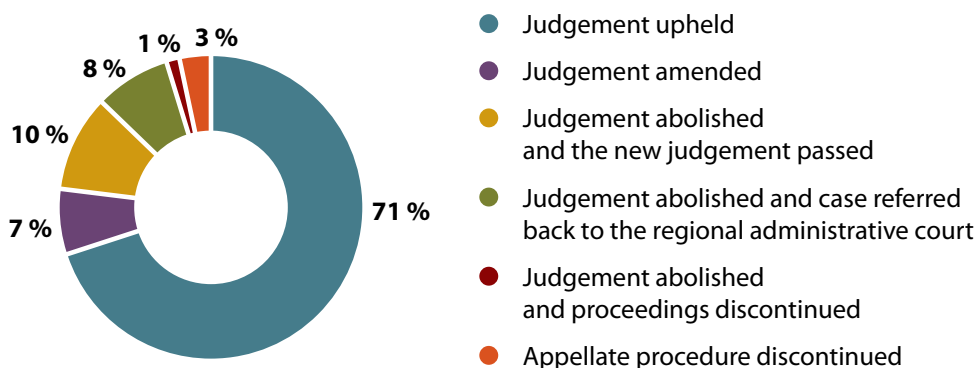


The number and results of appeals in administrative cases in 2007

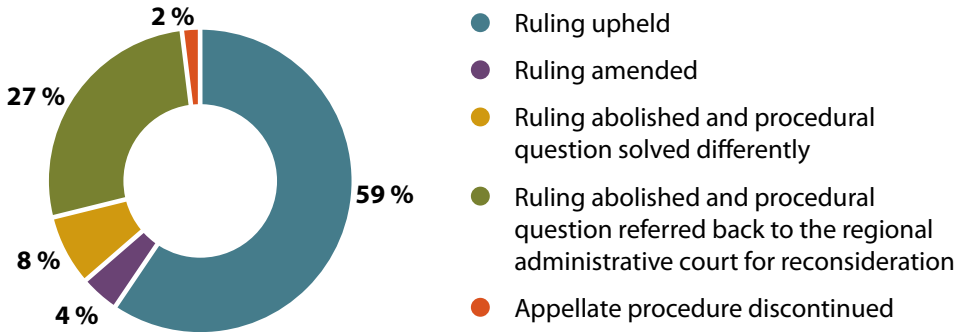
	Decided			% From the decided cases	Judgements abolished or amended on appeal	% From the number of judgements appealed	% From the number of decided cases
	Administrative cases	Cases of administrative offences	In total				
Vilnius regional administrative court	5 859	3 069	8 928	22	139	7,1	1,6
Kaunas regional administrative court	2 013	1 803	3 816	10,6	46	11,4	1,2
Klaipėda regional administrative court	2 362	1 422	3 784	12	36	7,9	1
Šiauliai regional administrative court	2 091	1 587	3 678	7,3	28	10,5	0,8
Panevėžys regional administrative court	1 049	1 320	2 369	13,6	12	3,7	0,5
In total	13 374	9 201	22 575	15,1	261	7,7	1,2

Outcome of decided cases in 2007

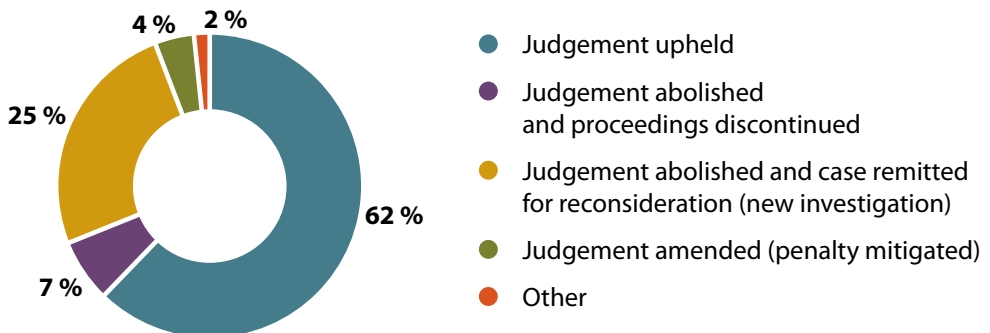
(appeals on judgements of regional administrative courts)



Outcome of decided cases in 2007
(appeals on rulings of regional administrative courts)



Outcome of decided cases of administrative offences in 2007



Hearings of the cases at the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania lasted approximately:

- Appeals on interim rulings of regional administrative courts – 1,8 months;
- Cases of administrative offences – 3,88 months;
- Appeals on judgements of regional administrative courts – 7,55 months;
- Cases on the legality of normative administrative acts – 11,05 months.