

# Mandate and Responsibilities

In accordance with the High Representative's Decision, the responsibilities of the IJC include:

- to support the work of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Republika Srpska, of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Federation of BiH and of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH during the transitional period;
- to support the Disciplinary Prosecutor in disciplinary matters before the afore mentioned Councils;
- to provide advice to local authorities and professional legal organizations on all issues affecting the court system and its restructuring;
- to undertake such further responsibilities as may be assigned by the High Representative from time to time;
- to report to the Senior Deputy High Representative in charge of Rule of Law matters on a regular basis on matters concerning the above mandate;
- to brief relevant members of the International Community (IC) on matters concerning its mandate.

In carrying out its mandate and responsibilities, the Independent Judicial Commission shall have the authority to initiate contacts with international organizations and domestic bodies, agencies, institutions, or organizations to promote rule of law projects affecting the court system, its restructuring, and its support of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils.

All courts, prosecutors' offices and governmental agencies at all levels, including all judges, prosecutors, court staff and government officials are obliged to co-operate with the IJC and to disclose any information that the IJC considers necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities.