

Duties and role of the Council of the Canadian Superior Court Judges Association

What is Council?

The Council is the secondary governing body of the CSCJA. The primary governing body is the Board of Directors.

The Council is composed of CSCJA Members from each of the Provinces, the Territories and the Courts. The Courts are the Federal Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Canada, and the Tax Court of Canada.

The CSCJA by-laws require the Council to have between 20 and 60 members. The Board establishes the actual number from each region from time-to-time.

Currently, the number of Council Members is as follows:

British Columbia	5
Alberta	5
Saskatchewan	3
Manitoba	4
Ontario	13
Quebec	8
New Brunswick	3
Prince Edward Island	1
Nova Scotia	5
Newfoundland and Labrador	2
Yukon	1
North West Territories	1
Nunavut	1
Federal Court of Appeal	1
Federal Court of Canada	1
Tax Court of Canada	1
Total:	49

How are Council Members chosen?

CSCJA Members from each region choose their regional Council Members in accordance with democratic procedures adopted by the CSCJA Members from that region.

A Council Member holds office for a three-year term and may hold office for a maximum of three terms. A Council Member must remain a CSCJA Member.

What is expected of a Council Member?

Council Members should:

- Promote the CSCJA and encourage judges within their region to become Members.
- Disseminate information about the activities and objectives of the CSCJA to Members and prospective Members within their region.
- When requested by the Board or Executive, collect and provide information or feedback from Members in their region.
- Proactively bring regional issues to the attention of the Board or Executive and, if appropriate, propose solutions.
- Join at least one CSCJA Committee or Sub-Committee.
- Communicate with regional Board Member(s) to stay current about CSCJA activities and to share ideas relevant to the CSCJA's work and its Member's concerns.
- Attend the CSCJA's Annual General Meeting as a representative of their region.
- Attend Council meetings when called from time to time by the President of the Association.

