

In 2025, the National Council of Attorneys-at-Law consistently pursued activities aimed at the development of the profession of attorney-at-law and at maintaining its high professional standing. One of the key areas of activity was legislative work – the Research, Studies and Legislation Centre of the National Council of Attorneys-at-Law analysed several hundred draft legal acts, preparing more than 95 opinions, expert reports and position papers.

Representatives of the National Council of Attorneys-at-Law actively participated in the work of parliamentary and senate committees, safeguarding the quality of enacted legislation and promoting solutions enabling the profession of attorney-at-law to be practised in accordance with the highest professional standards. As a result, the professional self-government exercised a tangible influence on the shape of legal regulations and their compliance with the principles of a democratic state governed by the rule of law.

In the area of the modern functioning of the self-government, the National Council of Attorneys-at-Law focused on identifying the needs of its members and on the further digitalisation of its activities. The use of modern technologies was intensified, including e-learning platforms and remote communication tools. In order to enhance the quality of the attorneys-at-law traineeship, new teaching methods were introduced, with particular emphasis placed on the practical aspects of practising the profession. In 2025, the Commission for Professional Development delivered more than 400 training courses addressed to attorneys-at-law trainees and practising attorneys-at-law.

An important area of activity of the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law was the promotion of the profession of attorney-at-law. Information campaigns were conducted in the media, educational events and pro bono initiatives were organised, and participation took place in international legal conferences and professional meetings. Particular emphasis was placed on legal education of the public, dissemination of legal knowledge, and cooperation with social organisations and the academic community in order to improve access to professional legal assistance.

In 2025, the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law organised the conference “Proficiency in AI – the Future of the Profession of Attorney-at-Law”, during which official recommendations on the use of artificial intelligence tools by attorneys-at-law were presented. This document – the first of such a comprehensive nature within the legal community – sets out the framework for the responsible, safe and ethical implementation of AI in the practice of the profession, addressing issues related to generative AI, professional secrecy, data protection, liability for AI-generated content, and the necessity of maintaining overarching human control over technological processes. The recommendations are intended as a “living document” and will be updated in line with developments in technology, case law and the regulatory environment.

In 2025, the self-government of attorneys-at-law also reaffirmed its strong social engagement. A particularly significant example was the activity of the Legal Aid Coordination Centre – an initiative of the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law established in response to

the migration crisis and the war in Ukraine. Within the framework of the Centre's activities, round-the-clock legal assistance was provided, including in matters related to the legalisation of stay and employment, refugee status, care for minors and labour law. Between June 2022 and June 2025, more than 26,000 telephone consultations and nearly 2,000 in-person consultations were provided. The Centre's activities, concluded in June 2025, have become a lasting part of the history of the self-government as an expression of solidarity, professional responsibility and effective cooperation of the entire community of attorneys-at-law.

In 2025, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Council of Attorneys-at-Law conducted extensive international activities, focusing on strengthening the position of the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law within European and global legal structures, protecting the independence of the legal profession, and promoting the rule of law. The National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law hosted, *inter alia*, representatives of the CCBE, ECLA, the Council of Europe, the Icelandic Bar Association, the Ministry of Justice of Uzbekistan, as well as delegations of bar associations from EU Member States. Key figures involved in the Committee's work included the President of the National Council of Attorneys-at-Law, Włodzimierz Chróścik, Vice-Presidents Tomasz Scheffler, the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, attorney-at-law Alicja Jagielska-Burduk, as well as representatives of the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law to the CCBE and in Brussels. The Committee actively participated in the work of the CCBE, FBE, IBA and ELF, representing the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law at committee meetings, plenary sessions and general congresses. An important area of activity was the promotion and implementation of the Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer, including the preparation of its official translation and participation in numerous conferences dedicated to this instrument. The Committee was also involved in EU projects (TRAVAR, TRAVAR 2, TRADICIL), enabling attorneys-at-law to participate in international training courses and workshops. In 2025, several dozen events were organised or co-organised, including conferences, study visits, working meetings and expert panels. The Committee held several formal internal meetings, as well as meetings with Deans of Regional Chambers of Attorneys-at-Law and representatives of foreign affairs committees of regional chambers. In total, representatives of the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law took part in more than 40 domestic and international initiatives. The Committee's activities were strategic and long-term in nature and significantly enhanced the international visibility of the National Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law.