Any person who exercises the powers of a public prosecutor must be able to prove that he/she will use it not only in the performance of the duties of his public office but also in his/her private life.

The Code of Professional Ethics of a Public Prosecutor can, to a certain extent, be described as an elaboration of values contained in the Code of Ethics of the Association of Judges of the Slovak Republic.

In addition, the principles contained in the following codes of ethics were taken into account:


2. Principles of Ethical Conduct of Lawyers [3], elaborated by the Board of the Union of Czech Lawyers.


Upon considering all comments, the Code of Professional Ethics of Public Prosecutors was adopted as follows:

I. Independence

Public prosecutors shall perform their powers consistently under the law and to the best of their ability, independent of other bodies and local, political, private or other influences or interests.

Public prosecutors shall act independently of other bodies and institutions, and they shall reject any attempt of interference and influence, and they shall be aware of their possible responsibility if they fail to resist the pressure.

II. Impartiality
Public prosecutors shall avoid any unauthorized favoritism or discrimination of persons who are involved in the performance of their office. They shall perform their duties so their impartiality is not questioned.

Public prosecutors shall neither favor nor discriminate against anyone because of their nationality, race, gender, or social status.

III. Objectivity

Public prosecutors shall take into consideration all facts which are essential for reviewing the case.

Public prosecutors shall always seek justice within the limits of the law and use the tools consigned to them.

IV. Professionalism
Public prosecutors shall cultivate their professional skills and deepen their legal knowledge so that they can perform their competence on the highest possible professional level. They shall avoid using any alibi or formalistic procedures.

Public prosecutor’s measures shall be taken with greatest care on the highest professional level. Public prosecutors shall be aware of their responsibility for the protection of the country, its interests and its security. They shall protect the information they have obtained when executing their powers.

V. Initiative

If public prosecutors have information indicating there is a legal reason for executing their power, they shall proceed swiftly and effectively to discover the actual state of the case and take necessary measures.

VI. Behave with Dignity

Public prosecutors shall act in a calm, decent and firm manner.
Public prosecutors shall maintain decent relations with their colleagues, representatives of other institutions, parties, as well as to persons facing criminal charges.

They shall always keep in mind that decent behavior and a relevant and calm argumentation promotes their own authority as well as that of the whole public prosecution service.

VII. Cooperation

In the interest of justice and the effectiveness of proceedings public prosecutors shall act in cooperation with their colleagues as well as with other law enforcement authorities, including their colleagues abroad.

VIII. Credibility

Public prosecutors shall act and behave in their office as well as in their private life so they do not harm their own credibility and the credibility of the public prosecution service.


