

## The chairman of the municipal council

The subject of the dissertation is an analysis of the legal status of the chairman of the municipal council. The chairman occupies a special position among the councillors of the municipal self-government, especially in the context of the new powers granted to him by the legislator to give official instructions to the office employees, which significantly strengthens his position in the municipality. The unique role of the chairman of the council in municipal self-government also results from the representative function he performs on behalf of the municipal council and the range of powers the legislator has provided for him in this respect. The correctness of the current constitutional and statutory solutions regarding the competences of the chairman of the municipal decision-making body was also examined. The chairman of the municipal council performs representative functions, on behalf of the entire municipal council, and often acts as the first person representing the municipal government next to the head of the municipality. At present, there is a significant intensification of the role of the chairman of the municipal council in the local government, either in terms of internal relations within the municipal council itself and the office, or in terms of external relations, as a representative of the local government, often holding a position with a mandate as strong as that of the executive body. The significant role of the chairman also derives from the manner in which he or she is elected, as the councillors vote not in the usual way, by a simple majority, but by an absolute majority in the presence of at least half of the statutory membership of the municipal council. The election of the chairman of the council does not constitute the basis for his/her employment relationship. The chairman and vice-chairman of the municipal council are elected for five years, that is for the duration of the term of office of the municipal council. The scope of competence of the chairman of the council is regulated in the Act on Municipal Self-Government, the municipal statutes may not impose on him other duties or grant him other competences. The dissertation is structured in four substantive chapters, an introduction and a conclusion. The subject of the first chapter is an analysis of the temporal and organisational conditions of performing the function of the chairman of the decision-making body in a municipality. The second chapter deals with the tasks and powers of the chairman related to organising the work of the municipal council. The third chapter is devoted to the tasks and competences of the chairman of the municipal council related to the conduct of the municipal council. The last chapter deals with the specific tasks and powers of the chairman of the municipal council, in particular those of an employee nature in relation to

the head of the municipality, as well as those relating to the analysis and acceptance of the asset declarations of councillors. The dissertation fills a monographic gap, especially as the legal positions of the municipal secretary and the municipal treasurer were discussed in separate studies.