

# CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL

INTERNSHIP  
PRESENTATION

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# MISSION



- The Maintenance and Promotion of Constitutional Justice
- Protection of the Constitution and legal order
- Protection of citizens' freedom and rights

# JURISDICTION



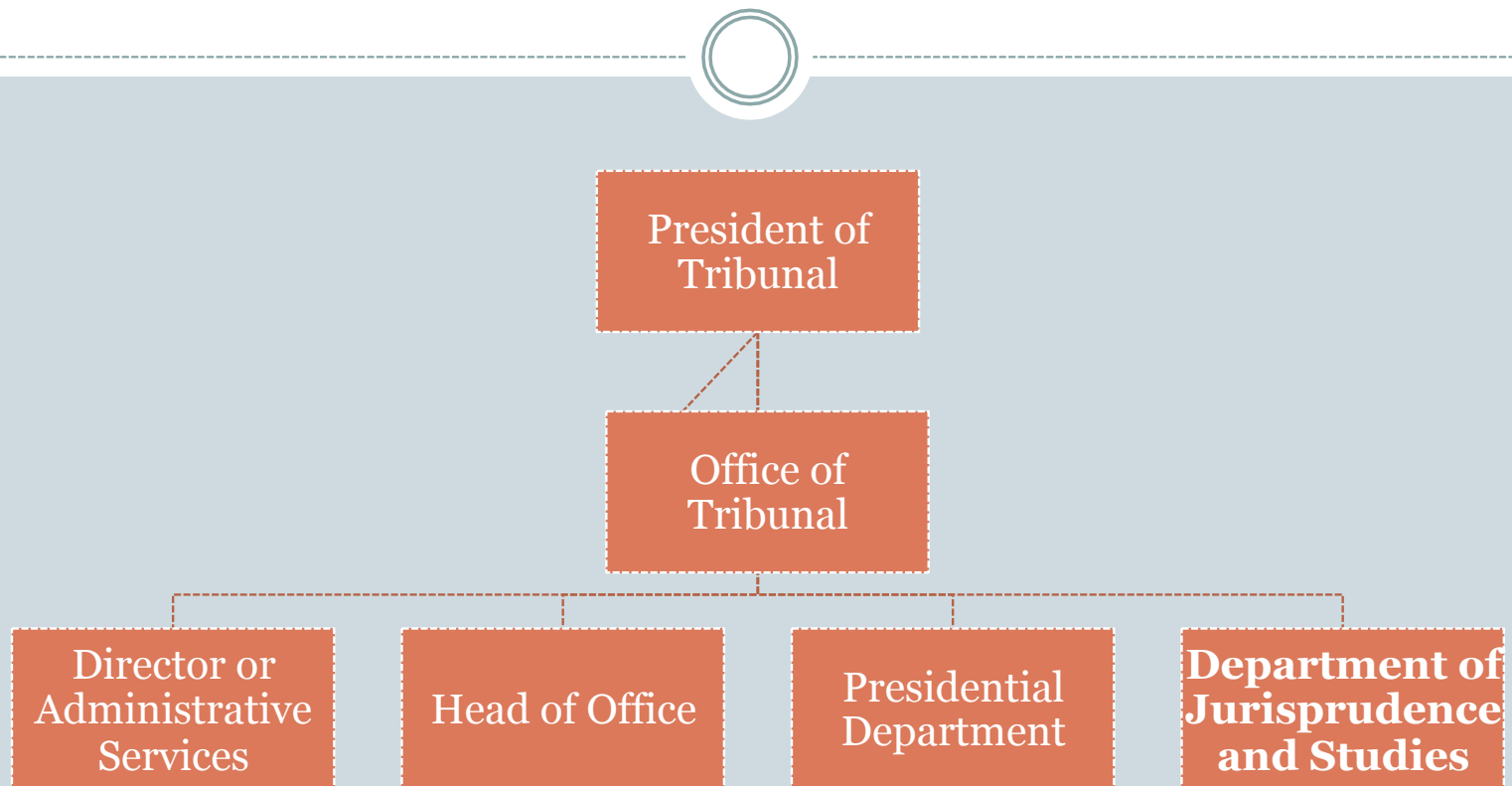
- Review of norms
- Resolve disputes between Constitutional authorities
- Review activities and aims of political parties in line with the Constitution
- Stand-in authority when President is unable to discharge duties

# CHARACTERISTICS

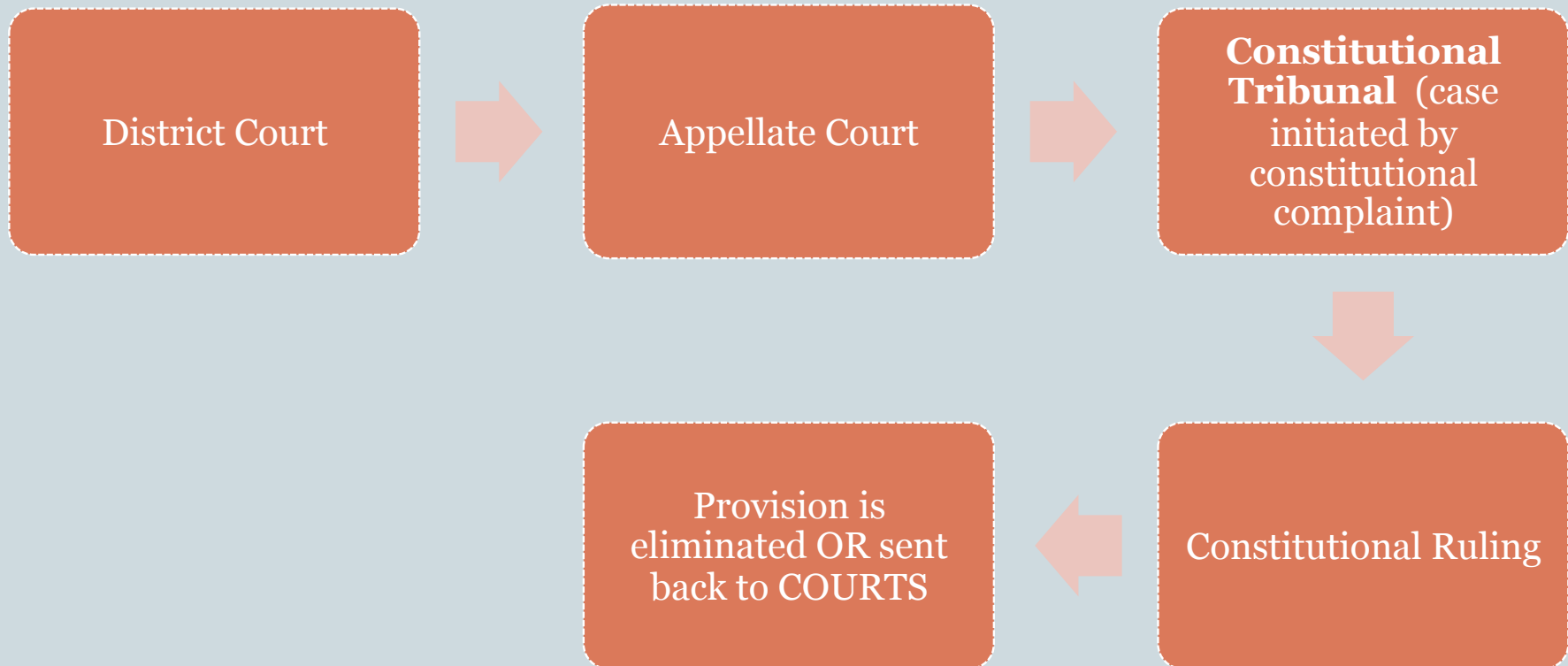


- Exists as an independent judicial body in accordance with the principle of separation of powers
- Provides judicial review to Poland's legal system
- Negative legislator—elimination of unconstitutional provisions or referral back to Court system

# ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE



# Example of Case Progression



# SUBSTANCE



- **Wk 1 – Orientation**
  - Tribunal's function and placement in broader framework
  - Studied Articles of the Constitution of Poland
  - Tour of Supreme Court
- **Wk 2 – Research**
  - Refugees and Asylum Seekers
  - Social Rights of Polish citizens
  - Case I: Research on seat belt laws and cases argued in the U.S. for comparison with E.U. cases by Tribunal Judges

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- Wk 3 – Case II
  - Article 6 of ECHR – Issue of Right to Fair Trial within a “Reasonable Time”
  - Our research was translated into Polish for Tribunal Judges to use in decision making for pending cases
- Wk 4 – Research for Individual Projects
  - Women’s Reproductive Rights
    - ✦ Comparative analysis of popular discourse on Right to Life
  - Property Rights
    - ✦ Especially Expropriation post Cold War