

CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SERBIA – THE FIRST FIVE DECADES

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Summary: Next year will mark five decades since the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had adopted a judicial review. Since the Constitution of the SFRY of 1963 established constitutional courts at the federal level as well as at the level of federal units (so-called German model), the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia began its work in the same year. The Constitutional Court of Serbia continued its existence in subsequent constitutions of 1974, 1990 and 2006, which means that during the past five decades it worked continuously, although its organization, composition and competencies have changed several times. The Constitutional Court of Serbia started its work as a constitutional court of a federal unit in the federation that adopted the socialist model of constitutionality, based on the principle of the unity of powers. Today, almost fifty years later, the Constitutional Court of Serbia is the constitutional court of an independent unitary state, which has returned to the liberaldemocratic model of constitutionality and the principle of separation of powers.

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