

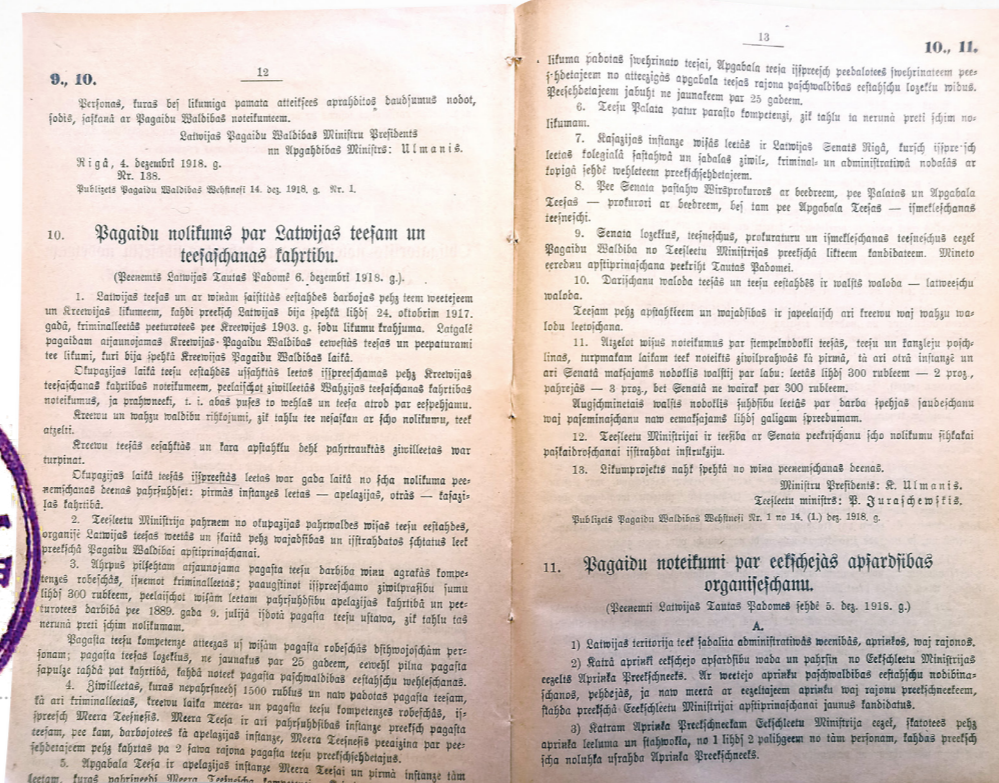
# THE PROVISIONAL REGULATION ON COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN LATVIA

Until 18 November 1918, the territory of Latvia was governed by the judicial system of the Russian Empire, with the Court Chamber and the ruling Senate located in St. Petersburg. After the proclamation of independence, newly created Latvia had to organise its own judicial system.

On 6 December 1918, the People's Council of Latvia adopted the Provisional Regulation on Courts and Judicial Proceedings in Latvia, which defined the judicial system of the new state, consisting of magistrate courts, regional courts, the Court Chamber and the Senate of Latvia.

The Senate of Latvia was pronounced the cassation instance for all cases; it was to hear cases collegially and included three departments – the Department of Civil Cassation, the Department of Criminal Cassation and the Administrative Department. The Assembly was the common institution for all departments.

On 7 December 1918, the Provisional Government appointed the first senators – sworn advocates Jānis Graudiņš and Kristaps Valters. 19 December 1918, when Kārlis Ozoliņš, Voldemārs Zāmuels, Miķelis Gobiņš, Pauls Mincs and Reisners were appointed, is considered to be the day of the foundation of the Senate. The two latter in fact did not serve as senators, they were replaced by Augusts Lēbers. The Senate of Latvia remained in operation until November 1940, when it was dissolved by the occupying power. After the restoration of Latvia's independence, the Senate was re-established on 3 October 1995.



Gvido Zemrībo conveys a message to the Senate stating that one's strength lies in one's roots. And the Senate's roots are strong.



## A GIFT TO THE RESTORED SENATE

On the 25th anniversary of the restored Senate in 2020, the first President of the Supreme Court of the restored Republic of Latvia, Gvido Zemrībo, presented the Senate with a symbolic gift – a collection of laws of the Provisional Government of Latvia, in which the Provisional Regulation of 6 December 1918 on Courts and Judicial Proceedings in Latvia was published. The ex-libris on the cover indicates that the book comes from the library of Gvido Zemrībo.

## PRESIDENTS OF THE RESTORED SUPREME COURT



On the 25th anniversary of the restored Senate, a portrait gallery of the Presidents of the Supreme Court was opened. Former Presidents Gvido Zemrībo, Andris Guļāns and Ivars Bičkovičs, and the current President of the Supreme Court, Aigars Strupiņš

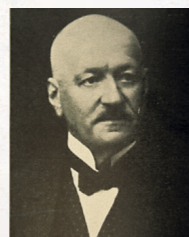


Gvido Zemrībo's ex libris – a miniature work of graphic art containing the name of the owner of the book and his characteristic features – Themis, the Palace of Justice, and a tennis game.

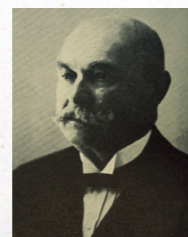
## CHAIRS OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SENATE OF LATVIA



Kristaps VALTERS  
1920–1929 and 1933–1934



Miķelis GOBIŅŠ  
1929–1931



Kārlis OZOLIŅŠ  
1931–1933



Aleksandrs GUBENS  
1934–1940