

Section II. Access ta Justice and to all courts

A. Legal aid/cost of justice

Answer 8,9: In the recent Law no. 3226/2004 regarding "the legal aid to citizens with low income and other provisions ", in article 1, the beneficiary of this aid and the meaning of low income are defined. Beneficiary is he/she whose annual family income does not overcome the two third of the lowest annual individuals income which is defined by the National General Joint Labor Agreement.

Source: Law no.322612004 (Ministry of Justice).

B. Users of the courts and victims

Answer 15: NO

Section III. Functioning of courts and efficiency of justice

A. Functioning

Answer 22: The Courts are the following:

Supreme Courts

Council of the State, Supreme Court (Areios Pagos), Court of Auditors, Prosecution office of the Supreme Court, General Committee of the State of the Regular Administrative Courts.

Other Courts

Magistrate's court (total no.312), Court for minor offences (total no.41), Court of First Instance & Prosecution office of the Court of First Instance (total no.63), Court of Appeal & Prosecution office of the Court of Appeal (total no.14), Administrative Court of first instance (total no.30), Administrative Court of

Appeal (total no- 9).

Answer 23: Courts of First Instance & Prosecution office (total no 63),

Administrative Courts of First Instance (total no.30)

Answer 24: Magistrate's Courts (total no.312), Courts of minor offences (total no. 41)

Answer 25: Total number of professional judges 3.571

Source: Relevant Presidential Decrees (Ministry of Justice)

Section VI. Judges

Answer 70: The gross annual salary of a first instance professional judge at the beginning of his/her career is: 2.400 Euro

Answer 71: The gross annual salary of a judge of the Supreme Court is: 3.350 Euro

Answer 72: NO. In exception judges is allowed to be elected as members of the Athens Academy or teaching personnel of high educational institutions.

Answer 73: The entrance to judicial body is done through the successful exams to the National School of Judges. Based on the provisions of Law no 2236/1994 (articles 2,3 and 4) the selection of the candidates is made by the following procedure: entrance exam, registration to the National School of Judges, a 18-month training in the School, appointment of the graduates as judicial officials. The attendance in the School is obligatory. After the end of the studies (18 months), the judges are appointed by a Presidential Decree and according to the needs of each region. The National School of Judges is a Legal Entity of Public Law. It has administrative and financial independence and it is supervised by the Minister of Justice.

Answer 74: The training for judges is conducted by the National School of Judges, its duration is 18 months. The training is theoretical and practical and it's divided into two different phases.

Answer 76: NO

Source: Law no 2236/1994

Section VII. Public Prosecutors

Answer 80: The number of professional public prosecutors is 524

Answer 81: The gross annual salary of a public prosecutor at the beginning of his/her career is 2.400 Euro.

Answer 82: The gross annual salary of a public prosecutor of the Supreme Court is 3.350 Euro

Answer 83: The same answer as in 72 above

Answer 84: The candidates sit exams in the special direction of Political & Penal Justice, of the National School of Judges and after having succeeded they enter to the prosecutors' branch. The procedure is defined by the provisions of Law no 2236/1994 (articles 2 & 4).

Answer 85: The training is done by the National School of Judges and it is obligatory .

Answer 86: The prosecutors officials' discipline responsibility is defined under the provisions of Law no 1756/1988 (A' 33).

Source: Law no 2236/1994, Law DO 1756/1988 (A' 33)

Section VIII. Lawyers

Answer 89: The number of lawyers practicing in our country is 34.186 (year Feb. 2004).

Answer 90: There is the Plenary Session of Presidents of the Bar Associations of our country .

Answer 91: Yes, there is the Code of Ethics for Lawyers

Answer 92: Yes there are, they are defined by the Code of Ethics for Lawyers

Answer 93: 1.500 (year 2003)

Answer 94: 100 (year 2003)

Answer 95: Yes, report to the immediate Bar Association

Answer 96: The institution of legal aid has not yet been applied to the civil cases.

Source: Bar Association

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