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The Judicial Officer in the World

NORWAY

Name (singular and plural): **Namsmann / Namsmenn**

Presentation

Generalities

Approx. 340 judicial officer are appointed within approx. 340 offices. They work together with approx. 1000 trainees or assistants and approx. 1000 staff.
All are civil servants (State employed).

Training

Initial and ongoing training of judicial officers

To become a judicial officer, no level is required.
There is an initial training for the future judicial officers.
This training is normally compulsory.
An ongoing training is available for the judicial officers.
This training is compulsory.

Ongoing training for the staff of judicial officers

Ongoing training courses are available for the staff of judicial officers.
This training is organized by a specific training centre.

The exercise of the profession

No professional exam is necessary to exert the profession of judicial officer.
The judicial officers are appointed by one or several representatives of the profession.
The number of judicial officers is not limited.
A judicial officer can exert his activities within a structure including another or several other judicial officers.
Between 80 and 90% of judicial officers exert individually, the others exerting within a non-individual structure.
The profession is represented at national level by:

- Norges Politilederslag.
- Politijuristene.
- Politietsfellesforbund.
- Parat – NTL.



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Obligations of the judicial officer and ethical rules

The judicial officer is submitted to the following obligations relating to his activities:

- Compulsory service of the judicial officer and possible cases of exemption of service.

There are rules relating to ethics and/or deontology applicable to the profession of judicial officer.

Disciplinary rules are applicable to the profession of judicial officer.

The judicial officer is submitted to a control of his activities.

Activities

Enforcement of court decisions

The enforcement of court decisions is not an activity exerted by the judicial officers.

Service of judicial or extrajudicial documents

The judicial officer can serve judicial and/or extrajudicial documents in civil, commercial and/or criminal matters.

When serving documents, the judicial officer has access to information to locate and/or search the addressee.

Forced public auction sales

The judicial officer can carry out the forced public auction sale of the following goods:

- Physical (as opposed to Internet) auction sale of tangible movable goods attached by the judicial officer.
- Physical (as opposed to Internet) auction sale of intangible movable goods attached by the judicial officer.
- Physical (as opposed to Internet) auction sale of businesses attached by the judicial officer.
- Physical (as opposed to Internet) sale of immovable goods attached by the judicial officer.

Voluntary Public Action Sale

The judicial cannot carry out the voluntary public auction sale of goods.

Debt collection

The judicial officer cannot exert the activity of debt collecting.

Statements of facts

The judicial officer cannot carry out statements of facts when required by a natural or a legal person and/or on request of a Judge.



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Sequestration of goods

The judicial officer cannot exert the activity of sequestration of goods.

Legal advice

The judicial officer cannot give legal advice.

Bankruptcy proceedings

The judicial officer cannot exert a professional activity in the field of bankruptcy procedures.

Missions entrusted to the judicial officer by a judge

A judge cannot appoint a judicial officer to carry out a specific mission.

Mediation

The judicial officer cannot exert the activity of mediation.

Representation of parties in the court

The judicial officer cannot represent parties in the court.

Drawing up of private deeds and documents

The judicial officer cannot draw up private deeds and documents for natural and legal persons.

Court service

The judicial officer is not in charge of the court service.

Real estate management

The judicial officer cannot exert the activity of real estate agent.