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The Judicial Officer in the World

GREECE

Name (singular and plural): **ΔΙΚΑΣΤΙΚΟΣ ΕΠΙΜΕΛΗΤΗΣ /ΔΙΚΑΣΤΙΚΟΙ ΕΠΙΜΕΛΗΤΕΣ**

Presentation

Generalities

Judicial officers are independent public officials, in accordance with Law 2318/1995 which governs the profession. They exercise the profession either individually or as a partner in a society of judicial officers. The number of judicial officers in Greece is approximately 2000. They are liberal professionals. The total number of judicial officers is determined by decision of the Minister of Justice every three years (numerus clausus).

Training

Initial and on-going training of judicial officers

To be appointed as judicial officer in a vacant organic position, it is necessary to have a diploma from the University Faculty of Law, to have completed a six-month internship with another judicial officer, to have passed the exams organised each year by the Ministry of Justice and to have participated in the three-month seminars organised by the National Chamber of Greek judicial officers.

An on-going training is not available for the judicial officers.

On-going training for the staff of judicial officers

On-going training courses are not available for the staff of judicial officer who do not participate in the activities of the judicial officers and only provide their secretarial assistance.

The exercise of the profession

The judicial officers are appointed by the Ministry of Justice with a decision published in the Official journal of the Hellenic Republic and they exercise their functions within the jurisdiction of a specific Court of Appeal.

The profession is represented at national level by: **FEDERATION OF GREEK JUDICIAL OFFICERS.**

Obligations of the judicial officer and ethical rules

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

- Obligation to have an office in the jurisdiction where he is appointed.
- Obligation to register with the Association of local judicial officers and pay their annual subscription.
- Obligation to comply with the orders and decisions of his Association.



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- Obligation not to exercise any other paid service or profession.
- Obligation not to participate in the auction procedure in which he participates as an enforcement agent.
- Obligation to collect official fees.
- Obligation to respect the ethical and deontological rules.
- Obligation to respect the personality of the citizen during the exercise of their functions and the rules of confidentiality and personal data.

The judicial officer is submitted to a control of his activities and rules relating to ethics and/or deontology applicable to the profession of judicial officer. Disciplinary rules are applicable to the profession of judicial officer.

Activities

Enforcement of court decisions

The judicial officer is in charge of enforcing court decisions, including the following enforcement measures:

- Attachment of movable goods in the hands of the debtor.
- Attachment of movable goods in the hands of a third party.
- Attachment of immovable.
- Collection of tangible movable goods that should be handed over by the debtor according to a court decision.
- Attachment of motor vehicles.
- Attachment of ships, vessels and airplanes.
- Attachment of crops.
- Attachment of goods locked in a safe.
- Evictions from premises, ships, vessels of airplanes
- Arrest of persons according to a court decision.

When in charge of enforcement, the judicial officer has access to information on the assets of the debtor.

Service of judicial or extrajudicial documents

The judicial officer can serve judicial and/or extrajudicial documents in civil, commercial, administrative and/or criminal matters, either in person or by e-Service.

Forced public auction sales

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

Voluntary public auction sales

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



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Other activities (X = yes)	
Debt collection	In the event of a payment order and / or a court decision against the debtor.
Statements of facts	Drafting of a statement of facts, in the performance of his duties, based on law or court decision
Sequestration of goods	
Legal advice	
Bankruptcy proceedings	
Missions entrusted by a judge	
Mediation	
Representation of parties in the court	
Drawing up of private deeds and documents	
Court service	
Real estate management	