

THE NEW ACT ON LEGAL EXPERTS

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The Act on legal experts, that came into effect 10 years ago, is relayed by the Act No. 29 of 2016, i.e. the new Act on legal experts, from 15th June, 2016. A new point in the new Act is that the rules on the functioning of the chamber and the Act on the chamber of legal experts are incorporated into one uniform Act. As supposed before, the chamber becomes a uniform, national organisation and leaves behind the regional structure. Its new task is the qualification of the legal experts. The rules on the new organisation will come into effect on 15th September, 2016; the rules on the new tasks will come into effect on 1st January, 2017.

As for the activity of legal experts, the new Act introduces quite a few ethico-legal responsibilities and sanctionable omissions. It also introduces the institution of electronic data transfer between legal expert and ordering justice/authority. It also makes the requirements of the register of legal experts more exact. As for the fee of the legal experts, the right to interest becomes clear and it also introduces a new chamber fee, which is to be requested by the legal expert in each and every case.

The organisation of the legal experts remain unchanged. There is no exact regulation on organisational level, on the level of competence and on the assessment of fees, which would make the allocation of cases and the professional reorganisation calculable.