

**The Importance and Significance of Statistics in Legal Studies and in the Application of Legal Principles**

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The science of statistics in regards of its methods and tools has a special relationship to the social sciences, thus sometimes escapes attention of the legal students and the members of the legal profession. In order to understand the structure of the Hungarian legal system, the knowledge of the statistical sciences is essential. For students learning private law the knowledge of statistics is helpful, showing the importance of certain legal statues or the necessity of legal rules in governing social networks. In order to show the mechanism of application of law in everyday life we also need statistical tools.

Our lecture will show the statistical distribution of cases filed to the Hungarian Court System.

Out of the total number of filed court cases every second one will be completed within a year. In the second part of our lecture, we will discuss some aspects of corporate law, showing the incidence of establishing business partnerships and corporations. In Hungary in 2008 the established business partnerships, corporations mainly consisted of limited responsibility and financial asset based partnerships. The science of statistics will help to better understand social life-networks by showing average wages, employment, or workplace contracts, their incidence and frequency. For our students it would be difficult to bet, to find out the real ratio and nature of work-contracts, in reality only 8% of work-contracts will be established with a pre-defined time-limit. It is also interesting to know, that out of 8 employees only 3 are women, the rest of it (5) are men. In the field of family law, in respect of the marriage data it is surprising, that in Hungary since 2004, the ratio of people older that 15 years, living in marriage, decreased, and now they are a minority. In 2008 almost 74 000 marriage ended up, by death of the partner, or divorce, and only 40 000 new marriages were registered. The followings also will show the Hungarian social and legal situation: the changing number of criminal cases, the special structure aspect of felonies, and felons, and the abovementioned and also the evaluation of the law-enforcement, court system, the work of judges, In the modern age of globalization, and connected world, it is of utmost importance that the statistical system, the criminal statistics should work with great precision and with the highest professionalism. As the Internet took over every aspect of the modern societies, it is providing easily and readily accessible communication channels, for professionals and lay people alike. Our lecture will attempt to yield an insight of the recent state and importance of criminal-statistics, taken into account the special circumstances of Hungary. We also would like to emphasize once more, how important is the statistical knowledge for the legal profession and legal student nowadays.