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The Judicial Officer in the World

LATVIA

Name (singular and plural): **Zvērināts tiesu izpildītājs / Zvērināti tiesu izpildītāji**

Presentation

Generalities

94 judicial officers are appointed within 96 official positions. They work together with 35 assistants to judicial officers, 27 candidates to position of assistant to a judicial officer and approx. 330 staff.

Training

Initial and ongoing training of judicial officers

To become a judicial officer, the following level of education is required: a master's degree in law. There is no initial professional training for the future judicial officers. An ongoing training is available for the judicial officers. This training is organised by the Council of Judicial Officers of Latvia. It is not compulsory, however judicial officers who regularly attend training are exempt from obligation to pass a qualification exam.

Ongoing training for the staff of judicial officers

Ongoing training courses are available also for the staff of judicial officers. This training is organised by the Council of Judicial Officers of Latvia.

The exercise of the profession

A professional exam is necessary to exert the profession of judicial officer. The judicial officers are appointed by the Minister of Justice. There is a limited number of judicial officers. A judicial officer can exert his activities (practice) only individually. Co-operation with other judicial officers is permitted only in technical and economic matters. A judicial officer may maintain accounts of his or her revenues and expenditures as a natural person performing economic activity or establish a judicial officer's office. Regardless of the selected legal form of economic activity of the practice, a judicial officer shall practice in his or her own name in the professional activity and shall be personally responsible for the office and other professional activities performed.

The profession is represented at national level by **the Council of Judicial Officers of Latvia (also known as The Council of Sworn Bailiffs of Latvia)**. Address: Lāčplēša street 27-32, Riga, LV-1011, Latvia. Tel: +371 67290005. E-mail: info@lztj.lv



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Obligations of the judicial officer and ethical rules

There are rules relating to professional ethics 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. Control is performed by the court, the Ministry of Justice, and the Council of Judicial Officers of Latvia.

Activities exerted by the judicial officers

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.
- Attachment of earnings.
- Attachment in the hands of a third party of funds owed to the debtor.
- Attachment of intangible goods other than the funds owed to the debtor.
- Freezing and/or 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 and vessels.
- Attachment of airplanes.
- Attachment of crops.
- Attachment of goods locked in a safe.
- Evictions.
- Handing of children according to a court decision.
- Provisional measures on tangible movable goods of the debtor.
- Provisional measures on intangible movable goods of the debtor.
- Setting up of a provisional judicial security on an immovable of the debtor.
- Setting up of a provisional judicial guarantee on shares, stocks and securities of the debtor.
- Distribution to creditors of monies collected during the forced auction sale of movable goods.
- Distribution to creditors of monies collected during the forced auction sale of an immovable.
- Transfer of the property adjudged by the court to the creditor and performance of activities imposed by a court judgment.
- Placing in possession.
- Other measures as indicated in a judgment.

When in charge of enforcement, the judicial officer has access to all available 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 and/or criminal matters. When serving documents within the framework of enforcement, the judicial officer has full access to information to locate the addressee. When serving documents upon the request of a person, the judicial officer has limited access to information on the addressee's address.



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Forced public auction sales

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

- Internet auction sale of tangible movable goods attached by the judicial officer.
- Internet auction sale of intangible movable goods attached by the judicial officer.
- Internet auction sale of immovable attached by the judicial officer.

Voluntary public auction sales

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

- Internet auction sale of tangible movable goods.
- Internet auction sale of intangible movable goods.
- Internet auction sale of immovable goods.

Other activities (X = Yes)	
Debt collection	
Statements of facts	X
Sequestration of goods	
Legal advice	X (only legal assistance in drawing up documents and consulting in issues that are related to the enforcement of rulings of courts and other authorities)
Bankruptcy proceedings	
Missions entrusted by a judge	X
Mediation	X
Representation of parties in the court	
Drawing up of private deeds and documents	X (See "Legal advice")
Court service	
Real estate management	
Inventories of property for the purpose of division of joint property or for inheritance matters	X
Management, protection, and sale of the property without heirs and distribution of the proceeds from sales to the creditors	X
Protection of an estate	X
Other activities prescribed by the law	X