

HONORARY (NON-STIPENDIARY) FUNCTIONARIES OF JUSTICE

1. LAWYERS

- Lawyers are honorary public servants.
- The duty of a lawyer is to represent and defend his/her principal before any court and authority.
- In order to be a lawyer you must:
 1. Hold a degree issued by a department of law of a Greek or accredited foreign University and not be more than five years since you were admitted to it or since it was accredited by DIKATSA (The Greek Authority for the Accreditation of Academic Qualifications Awarded by Foreign Universities).
 2. Do your practical training (articling) for 18 months to a lawyer and not be more than five years from the time you were admitted to the degree until you registered as an articulated lawyer.
 3. Be a Greek National or a National of an EEC member-state. An alien who acquired the Greek Nationality through naturalization may be appointed as lawyer five years after such nationality acquisition.
 4. Pass successfully the competition held twice annually, in March and September, at the town of each Court of Appeals.
- Lawyers are appointed at the towns of Courts of First Instance.
- In order to be appointed to the Courts of First Instance of Athens, Thessaloniki, Piraeus, Patras, Larissa, Komotini and Ioannina you must be articulated in the respective Bars of Association.
- In order to be appointed as a lawyer, after you successfully pass the above competition, you must file with the Ministry of Justice the following:
 - a. application for your appointment
 - b. certificate of registration in the Males' Register (for men) and in the Municipal Rolls (for women)
 - c. degree transcript
 - d. general purpose penal records transcript
 - e. type A certificate issued by an army recruitment office
 - f. payment vouchers by the Lawyers' Fund
 - g. an affidavit (solemn declaration) that you do not come under the cases of office incompatibility as set out in articles 26, 62 and 63 of the Lawyers' Code.
- If you are Greek and practise as a lawyer in a country outside the E.U. you may be appointed as lawyer to a Bar Association of Greece provided you have a degree accredited as equivalent to the degree of a Law School and have completed training of 18 months. The relevant application is filed with the Ministry of Justice.
- If you practise as a lawyer in a E.U. country you may be appointed as lawyer to a Bar Association of Greece after you successfully pass competence examinations held at the Athens Bar Association twice annually (March and September).
- If you practise as a lawyer in a E.U. country and wish to be appointed as lawyer to a Bar Association of Greece without taking competence examinations you may register with the

Bar Association of your choice and maintain a law firm upon a decision by the Board of such Bar Association and after you have actually practised as a lawyer for three years you may fully enter the lawyers' trade of Greece.

2. Notaries Public

- A Notary Public is a honorary public official.
- A Notary Public's work is defined in the Code of Notaries (Law 2830/2000).
- A Notary's fee is specified under a decision of the Ministers of Justice and Economy and Finance.
- Notaries' posts are fixed per each Magistrates' Court district.
- In order to be appointed as Notary Public you must:
 1. Be 28-42 years old.
 2. Have two-year experience of practicing as a lawyer or two-year service as a judicial functionary or non-stipendiary (honorary) land registrar.
 3. Successfully pass the written competition proclaimed in the first four-month period of each year.

3. Non-stipendiary Process Servers

- A non-stipendiary process server is a honorary public official.
- His work consists of:
 - a. Serving legal files and extrajudicial documents
 - b. Execution of enforceable instruments in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure.
- His fee is specified under a decision of the Ministers of Justice and Economy and Finance.
- The posts of non-stipendiary process servers are fixed per each First Instance Court district.
- In order to be appointed as non-stipendiary process server you must:
 1. Be 22-35 years old.
 2. Hold a senior high school graduation diploma or equivalent issued by another school or award issued by a foreign school recognized as equivalent.
 3. Hold a certificate for one-year practical training at a process server defined by the Board of the Association. If you are the holder of a degree of a Law School (department of law) six months suffice.
 4. Successfully pass the competition proclaimed in March each year.
- Degree-holders are appointed following an application filed with the Ministry of Justice by 31 December and take up $\frac{1}{4}$ of the existing organic posts per Court of First Instance.

4. Non-Stipendiary Land Registrars

If you wish to be appointed as non-stipendiary land registrar in a town having a population of over 5,000:

You must:

1. Be a Greek national, 28-42 years old and, if male, have fulfilled your military service obligations or have been lawfully exempted therefrom.
2. a) Not be under curatorship
b) Not have been indicted under a final bill for a felony or misdemeanor for the offence of theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, bribery, oppression, forgery, perjury, false prosecution, slander, defamation and breach of duty and not have been irrevocably convicted for a felony or misdemeanor for an offence of those above mentioned, and no charges should be pending against you for a felony or misdemeanor or for the offences above mentioned.
c) Not have been dismissed following a court judgment from the office of public servant or servant in a Public Entity due to a penal sentence or disciplinary offence.
d) Not have been punished with a disciplinary sentence twice in the last two-year period, if during such period you were serving in a public service and this is a necessary qualification for appointment as Land Registrar.
3. Have a two-year experience as a lawyer in the case of a post at a town having a court of first instance (for a post in towns not having a court of first instance it suffices that you be a lawyer) or be a judge, holding the rank of Magistrate or higher for at least two years or have six-year experience in a post of notary public or special non-stipendiary land registrar holding a Law degree, irrespective of age limit, or be an officer (employee) in a stipendiary land registry holding rank A' and a degree in Law.
4. Successfully participate in the national written competition held at the Athens Court of First Instance, within the first four months of each year, for filling vacancies. You shall be examined in civil law, commercial law, civil procedure, the notaries' code and special laws. Furthermore, you may be examined optionally in one to two foreign languages (English, French or German).

If you wish to be appointed as non-stipendiary land registrar in townships having a population under 5,000 outside the seat of a court of first instance:

You must:

1. Be a Greek national, 28-42 years old and, if male, have fulfilled your military service obligations or have been lawfully exempted therefrom.
2. a) Not be under curatorship
b) Not have been indicted under a final bill for a felony or misdemeanor for the offence of theft, embezzlement, fraud, extortion, bribery, oppression, forgery, perjury, false prosecution, slander, defamation and breach of duty and not have been irrevocably convicted for a felony or misdemeanor for an offence of those above mentioned, and no charges should be pending against you for a felony or misdemeanor or for the offences above mentioned.
c) Not have been dismissed following a court judgment from the office of public servant or servant in a Public Entity due to a penal sentence or disciplinary offence.
d) Not have been punished with a disciplinary sentence twice in the last two-year period, if during such period you were serving in a public service and this is a necessary qualification for appointment as Land Registrar.
3. Hold a degree by the law department of a Law School or the department of Political Sciences and Economics of Greek Universities or equivalent degree of foreign schools.
4. Successfully participate in the national written competition held at the Athens Court of First Instance, within the first four months of each year, for filling vacancies. You shall be examined in civil law, commercial law, civil procedure, the notaries' code and special laws. Furthermore, you may be examined optionally in one to two foreign languages (English, French or German).