

Questionnaire ?

On the role of the educational / training institute in relation to the enrollment and initial training of judges and district attorneys.

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Candidate judges enter the School through examinations.

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Once a year, entrance exams are held following a relevant decision by the Minister of Justice, who assesses vacancies to be filled.

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Candidate judges must hold a degree from a University Law School.

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Written and oral exams.

VI.

Acceptance of future judges through entrance exams is valid subject to their further selection when their training course is completed in the context of the School and their taking their final exams (oral and written) before they set out on their career as judges.

VII.

- a) Theoretical teaching on subjects of legal content (all branches of law) and practice.
- b) Initial training lasts for 16 months.
- c) Answer to Question #3 of Questionnaire A.
- d) Theoretical teaching within the School, seminars, day meetings, visits to various agencies (Customs, Police, prisons, detoxification centers for drug addicts, etc.). This training lasts for 12 months. Course requirements also include a four-month period of practice for trainees at First Instance Courts and Administrative First Instance Courts of Athens and Thessaloniki in the respective branches (civil-criminal and administrative), as well as First Court District Attorney Offices of Athens and Thessaloniki.
- e) Subject teaching 1) all law branches related to a judge's task in the narrow sense of the word (administrative law, constitutional law, community legal order, fiscal law, civil law, criminal law, administrative, civic and criminal jurisdiction, etc.). Special attention is paid, during this phase, to the processing of case files, their discussion, the structure and drafting of decisions and commentary of judicial decisions at courts of all levels. 2) of general education aiming at disseminating knowledge concerning the systematic approach of contemporary social, economic and political issues; this type of knowledge is necessary so that there is sound diagnosis of cases and awarding of justice (investigation and methodology, sociology, psychology, judicial psychology, political science, accounting, information technology, etc.). 3) of at least one foreign language.

There is no linking to the university course curriculum.

VIII.

There are final examinations.

The importance of success at these final examinations is reflected in the initiation of the professional career of the trainees. Exams are written and there is an oral exam before a Board comprising senior judges and a district attorney; the Board is formed following a decision by the Minister of Justice.

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No education and training is foreseen for judges and district attorneys during the first years of their career.