

LITHUANIAN BAR COUNCIL OF ADVOCATES

DECISION

REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF THE AMOUNTS OF COMPULSORY PERIODIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES PAYABLE BY THIRD-COUNTRY LAWYERS TO THE LITHUANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA LAW ON THE BAR

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Vilnius

Pursuant to Articles 2, 9, 16, 17, 23, 24, 35, 39, 56, 57, 59, 60, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69 and the amendment of the fourteenth section of the Republic of Lithuania Law of the Bar No. IX-2066 with Article 19 (3) and clause 14.2.26 of the Statute of the Lithuanian Bar Association, the Council of Advocates of the Lithuanian Bar Association has hereby **decides**:

- 1. To establish that a person who submits an application for registration in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania shall pay a one-time fee of EUR 500 (five hundred euro) to the Lithuanian Bar Association.
- 2. To establish that in cases where the registration of a person in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania is refused, the one-time fee paid by the person, amounting to EUR 500 (five hundred euro), is refunded after deducting EUR 120 (one hundred twenty euro) to cover document administration expenses.
- 3. To establish mandatory periodic fee for a third-country lawyer registered in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania at EUR 40 (forty euro) per month for the performance of the functions of the Lithuanian Bar Association.
- 4. To establish that the mandatory periodic fee begins to be calculated from the next month following the decision of the Council of Advocates of the Lithuanian Bar Association to register a third-country lawyer in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania.
- 5. The compulsory periodic contribution to the Lithuanian Bar Association shall be payable annually in advance for the upcoming twelve calendar months within the month when the mandatory periodic fee calculation commenced. If, within twelve calendar months, a person registered in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania is deregistered from this list, any overpayment of fees will be refunded.
- 6. To establish that the mandatory periodic fee ceases to be calculated from the next month following the decision of the Council of Advocates of the Lithuanian

- Bar Association to deregister a person from the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania.
- 7. To establish that the document confirming registration in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania will be issued only after submitting a document proving the payment of the mandatory periodic fee in advance for the upcoming twelve calendar months.
- 8. To establish that the Council of Advocates of the Lithuanian Bar Association is authorised to make a decision to reduce by up to 50 per cent the one-time fee and/or the payable mandatory periodic fee for the registration of a specific third-country lawyer(s) in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania due to specific circumstances, including but not limited to individual circumstances, related to wars, natural disasters, or other objective circumstances in the specific third-country territory.
- 9. To establish that the Council of Advocates of the Lithuanian Bar Association is authorised to make a decision on the list of third-country lawyers registered in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania, either exempting them from the obligation to pay the mandatory periodic fee to the Lithuanian Bar Association or reducing this fee by 50 per cent *mutatis mutandis*, based on the principles established by the decision of the General Meeting of Advocates "On fees for the functions of the Lithuanian Bar Association" (as of 12 April 2013, revised on 28 August 2020, and 26 May 2023), as applicable to advocates and included in the list of practicing lawyers in Lithuania (assistant advocates included in the list of assistant advocates in Lithuania).
- 10. To establish that if, by the decision of the Council of Advocates of the Lithuanian Bar Association, the one-time fee and/or mandatory periodic fee are reduced, any overpayment resulting from this reduction will be credited as payment for the mandatory periodic fee (or part thereof) for the upcoming payment period (or its part).
- 11. To establish that this Decision shall enter into force from the date of its adoption.

Chairman of the Council of Advocates

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