# General information regarding the registration of third-country lawyers in the Lithuanian Bar Association



### **Steps:**

A person seeking registration in the list of thirdcountry lawyers must possess:

- Permit of residence in the Republic of Lithuania or another European Union Member State.
- University degree in law and be recognised as a lawyer in a third country

Submit to the Lithuanian Bar Association documents in accordance with the compulsory list, including bank statements confirming the payment of the one-off registration fee, the compulsory monthly periodic contributions for the next twelve calendar months and the contributions to the Lithuanian Bar Association for the professional indemnity insurance (details of the payment information to be provided by the Lithuanian Bar Association)

The Lithuanian Bar Association evaluates the documents received

The Lithuanian Bar Association informs the applicant if there is a need to submit missing documents, clarify submitted documents, or rectify any existing deficiencies.

If necessary, the Lithuanian Bar Association contacts relevant authorities to verify the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant.

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The application and the documents submitted by the applicant shall be examined by the Council of Advocates, normally in the absence of the applicant

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The Council of Advocates typically reviews the decision regarding registration in the list of third-country lawyers within forty-five days from the date of receiving all documents and necessary information (this term may be extended)

The applicant's informed of the decision taken by the Council of Advocates

Upon the decision of the Council of Advocates to register a person in the list of third-country lawyers, a document confirming the registration is issued to the person

The decision of the Council of Advocates on the refusal to register a third-country lawyer in the List of Third-Country Lawyers may be appealed against to the Vilnius District Court within thirty days from the date of serving the decision to the third-country lawyer

#### DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LITHUANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION:

- Permit of residence in the Republic of Lithuania or another European Union Member State.
- Certified copies of identity and citizenship document(s).
- Application regarding registration in the list of third-country lawyers entitled to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania;
- Document issued by the competent authority of the third country certifying the registration of the person with the competent authority of the third country, or an explanation and documentation substantiating that the applicant has lost the lawyer's professional title in a third country due to persecution for professional activities;
- Document from the competent authority of the third country where the legal practitioner is registered, confirming that there are no restrictions on engaging in legal activities for the third-country lawyer;
- Completed declaration of good repute;
- Completed consent form for personal data processing;
- Free-form curriculum vitae (CV);

Bank statement confirming the payment of the oneoff registration fee of 500 EUR paid, mandatory periodic monthly payments for the next twelve calendar months totalling 480 EUR (40 EUR x 12), excluding cases specified in the resolution regarding mandatory periodic payments and tax amounts; a bank statement confirming the payment made to the Lithuanian Bar Association for professional civil liability insurance.

#### THIRD-COUNTRY LAWYERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT:

- Persons whose citizenship and/or origin are subject to international sanctions and persons recognised as posing a threat to national security and/or listed in international sanction lists may not be registered in the list of third-country lawyers.
- It is mandatory to comply with the requirements set forth in the Republic of Lithuania Law on the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing.
- Third-country lawyers in Lithuania are covered by centralised professional indemnity insurance for damage caused to the client (for a compulsory additional fee);
- Documents for registration should be submitted after a thorough review of the relevant legal regulations.

## **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

- 1) Description of the procedure for the registration, applications, and document submission of lawyers from EU member states and third-country lawyers to the Lithuanian Bar Association.
- 2) Decision on 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.
- 3) Republic of Lithuania Law on the Bar (most relevant rules for third-country lawyers from Article 73 of this Law)