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Costs in Lithuania

Costs for court, appeals and alternative dispute resolution

Case Study	Court			Appeals			ADR Is this option open for this type of case?
	Initial court fees	Transcription fees	Other fees	Initial court fees	Transcription fees	Other fees	
	Stamp duty at 3% percent, but not less than 50 Litas (in real actions where claim does not exceed 100,000 Litas or €29,000)	Participants in a proceeding pay 10 Litas for a repeat copy of a court document, and 1 Litas for each page	The expenses connected with hearing the case: 1) inspection of a location; 2) defendant search; 3) delivering the court documents; 4) satisfying the court judgment; 5) reimbursement for expenses of the curator's work; 6) other necessary and reasonable expenses	Stamp duty at 3% percent, but not less than 50 Litas (in real actions where claim does not exceed 100,000 Litas or €29,000)	Participants in a proceeding pay 10 Litas for a repeat copy of a court document, and 1 Litas for each page	The expenses connected with hearing the case: 1) inspection of a location; 2) defendant search; 3) delivering the court documents; 4) satisfying the court judgment; 5) reimbursement of the curator's work; 6) other necessary and reasonable expenses	Yes

Costs for lawyer, bailiff and expert

Case Study Lawyer

	Is representation compulsory?	Average costs
Case A	Lawyer representation is not compulsory.	See section on Legal Profession Fee Regulation above
Case B		

Case Study

Bailiff	Expert
Is representation compulsory?	Is use compulsory?
Pre-judgement costs	Cost
Post-judgment costs	

			No. Bailiffs play their role only after the issue of enforcement orders. Enforcement costs: 1) 600 Litass if size of debt is from 50, 000 Lt (~€15,000) to 100,000 Lt (~€29,000) and 6%, but not less than 4000 Lt, of the executed debt amount as bailiff's salary, and other enforcement costs, depending on the kind and quantity of execution actions. 2) Bailiff's salary depends on size of debt.	The court may appoint an expert or expertise for issues that require special knowledge in science, medicine, arts, engineering or craft, subject to the opinion of participants in the proceeding.	An advance surety in an amount established by the court must be paid by the requesting party. The government or an authorised institution establishes the maximum expenses. The court awards payment of the litigation expenses incurred by the successful party to the opposing party, even if the latter is exempt from paying litigation expenses into state funds.
Case A	No	No			
Case B	No	No	Same as in a Case A		

Costs for witness compensation, pledge or security and other relevant fees

Case Study	Witness compensation	Cost	Pledge or security Does this exist and when and how is it used?	Cost
Case A	Are witnesses compensated? Yes, the amounts paid to witnesses are added to the expenses connected with hearing the case	See section on Experts' Fees above.	See section on Experts' Fees above.	The court must take into account the material situation of the paying party The amount depends on the nature of the procedural action and may not exceed 100,000 Litass
Case B	The same as in national situation	The same as in national situation	The same as in national situation	The same as in national situation

Case Study	Other fees Description	Cost
Case A	Other expenses include: 1) the inspection of a location; 2) defendant searches; 3) delivering court documents; 4) satisfying the court judgment; 5) reimbursement for curator's work; 6) others as necessary and reasonable	See section on Experts' above. Expenses for a defendant search must be paid by the party that requested a search or the court. See section on Bailliff's Fees A tutor has the right to receive remuneration for representation in line with tariffs and procedure set by government or its authorised institution. Representation costs are borne by the party on which initiative a tutor is appointed, who must pay his or her representation costs in advance
Case B	The same as in national situation	The same as in national situation

Costs for legal aid and other reimbursement

Case study	Legal Aid	Reimbursement
	When and under which conditions is it applicable?	Can the winning party obtain reimbursement of litigation costs? The winning party can obtain reimbursement of litigation costs from the losing party
Case A	Legal Aid is not applicable.	
Case B		

Costs for translation and interpretation

Case study	Translation	Interpretation	Approximate cost?
	When and under what conditions is it necessary? All the court documents and their annexures must be submitted to the court in the state language.	When and under what conditions is it necessary? People who do not speak the official language are guaranteed the right to interpretation/translation services during the proceedings.	
Case A			The court must pay the amounts due to interpreters/translators from the state budget funds.
Case B		The same as in national situation	The same as in national situation

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