

Article 2(1) – Authorities that can be considered as courts

Under the national law of the Republic of Lithuania, only Lithuanian courts are competent to take evidence for the purposes of judicial proceedings in civil or commercial matters.

Article 3(2) – Requested courts

The requested courts are the courts of first instance:

– district courts and, in the cases specified by law, regional courts.

Civil matters which may be heard by regional courts

Regional courts, acting as courts of first instance, hear civil cases:

- 1) for claims exceeding forty thousand euro, excluding cases relating to family law, employment relationships or compensation for non-material damage;
- 2) relating to moral legal relationships under copyright;
- 3) relating to legal relationships arising from a civilian public tender;
- 4) relating to bankruptcy and restructuring, excluding cases relating to the bankruptcy of natural persons;
- 5) in which one of the parties is a foreign state;
- 6) for claims relating to the compulsory sale of shares (interests, members' shares);
- 7) for claims relating to an investigation into a legal entity's activities;
- 8) relating to compensation for material and non-material damage in violation of established patients' rights;
- 9) which, under the law, are heard by regional courts as the court of first instance.

Civil cases which may be heard solely by Vilnius Regional Court

Vilnius Regional Court, acting as a court of first instance, has sole jurisdiction to hear civil cases:

- 1) involving disputes under the Lithuanian Patent Act;
- 2) involving disputes under the Lithuanian Trademarks Act;
- 3) involving adoption on the basis of applications by citizens of the Republic of Lithuania who have their permanent residence in a foreign country, foreign nationals or stateless persons to adopt a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania residing in the Republic of Lithuania, and applications by persons whose habitual residence is in the Republic of Lithuania to adopt a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania residing in a foreign country;
- 4) which, in accordance with applicable law, are heard solely by Vilnius Regional Court as the court of first instance.

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Svetainės struktūra <https://www.teismai.lt/lt/visuomenei-ir-ziniasklaidai/teismai-ir-teisejai/teismu-veiklos-teritoriju-sarasas/1866>

Article 4 – Central body

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Article 6 – Languages accepted for completion of the forms

Apart from Lithuanian, the Republic of Lithuania will accept forms completed in English.

Article 7 – Means accepted for transmission of requests and other communications

If transmission is not possible owing to the disruption of the decentralised IT system, requests and other notifications may be transmitted by post or e-mail.

Article 19 – Central body or competent authority(ies) responsible for decisions on requests for direct taking of evidence

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Article 29 – Agreements or arrangements to which Member States are parties and which comply with the conditions in Article 29(2)

Lithuania has not concluded any agreements or arrangements with Member States to facilitate the further taking of evidence, as referred to in Article 29(2).

Article 31(4) – Notification on the early use of the decentralised IT-system

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