
Practical Guide for EU, EEA and Swiss Lawyers on Service and Establishment

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Structure	Information received
1. Establishment	
1.1. Registration with Host Bar	<p>A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union wishing to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania shall submit an application to the Lithuanian Bar Association. The application must be accompanied by the following documents: 1) a document attesting to his identity and nationality; 2) a document issued by the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union attesting to his registration with the competent authority in the Member State of the European Union. This document must be issued not earlier than three months before its presentation to the Lithuanian Bar Association; 3) a document of insurance against professional civil liability for the damage caused to the client in providing legal services or a guarantee of compensation for such damage.</p> <p>For the functions of the Lithuanian Bar Association advocates of Republic of Lithuania are charged for one-time membership fee of 500, 00 euros. Monthly, but in all cases not less than quarterly at the 25th of the last quarter advocates pay a membership fee of 30 euros according to General Meeting of advocates decision on lawyers' fees (consolidated version after 2015-03-20 and 2016-04-15 changes). Monthly payment is calculated from the month following the decision to include a person in the Bar Lithuania, the European Union Member States lawyers, providing regular legal services in the Republic of Lithuania. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country shall pay compulsory contributions established by the general meeting of advocates of the Lithuanian Bar which are described above, under Article 66 Section 2.</p> <p>A link to the registration/application forms: http://www.advokatura.lt/lt/advokatams-padejejams/prasymu-ir-pranesimu-formos.html.</p>
1.2. Title	<p>A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union recognised as a Lithuanian advocate and entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law shall be entitled to use the professional title</p>

	<p>conferred on him by the competent authority in the Member State of the European Union, expressed in the official language or one of the official languages of that Member State of the European Union, in an intelligible manner and in such a way as to avoid its confusion with the Lithuanian professional title of advocate, according to the Article 65 Section 2 and Article 71 of the Bar Law of the Republic of Lithuania.</p>
1.3. Salaried practice	<p>An advocate may not be employed or hold any other paid position, except for work in the Lithuanian Bar Association and research, creative or teaching activities, as well as provision of services for remuneration as an administrator of bankruptcy, restructuring, property or inheritance, a lobbyist, a liquidator, a curator, an executor of a will, a trustee of property or patent, to be at all levels of the election and referendum committee, municipality council member, to be appointed as a member of the commission as well as to work in working groups (commissions) to draft legal acts and to submit research services necessary for the preparation of a draft legal act, serve as arbitrator, translator, intermediary (mediator), conciliator or legal expert when settling disputes in accordance with Article 4 Section 4 and Article 43 Section 1 of the Bar Law of the Republic of Lithuania.</p>
1.4. Legal Form and Shareholding	<p>Advocates may practice: individually also, on the basis of partnership without establishing a legal person or by establishing a legal person – a professional partnership of advocates. An advocate shall have the right to choose only one form of practise, but it is allowed to change the form of practice. Having changed the form of practice, the advocate must inform the Lithuanian Bar Association thereof under Article 21 of Bar Law of the Republic of Lithuania.</p>
1.5. Joint Practice	<p>As a group of lawyers permitted on the basis of partnership without establishing a legal person or by establishing a legal person – a professional partnership of advocates.</p> <p>Under Article 27 of the Bar Law of Lithuania, advocates shall practise on the basis of partnership without establishing a legal person by concluding an agreement on joint activities (partnership) and establishing the office of an advocate. In their activities or practice documents, advocates practising on the basis of partnership shall indicate the names (first letter of the name) and surnames or just surnames of advocates practising on the basis of partnership, as well as the fact of them being advocates. Where partnership involves a number of advocates and the name would be difficult to use if all advocates were indicated, the name (first letter of the name) and surname or just surname of at least one advocate followed by the words “and partners” shall be indicated. Advocates shall also have the right to use the words “law firm” and indicate the name of the location of their practice. In addition to the requirements laid down in this Chapter, advocates shall also have the right to use another name registered with the Lithuanian Bar Association in accordance with the procedure established by the latter. Advocates practising on the basis of partnership shall have the right to agree on joint provision of services with advocates practising individually in accordance with paragraph 6 of Article 26 of this Law. Advocates must specify in an agreement on joint activities (partnership) which advocate (partner) will represent partners in relations with the Lithuanian Bar Association. Advocates practising on the basis of partnership shall be entitled to recruit employees. Advocates practising on the basis of partnership shall be subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 7 of Article 26 of this Law.</p> <p>According to the Article 28 of the Bar Law of Lithuania: advocates shall have the right to practise by establishing, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Civil Code and this Law, a private legal person the legal form whereof is a professional partnership of advocates. A professional partnership of advocates shall be registered in the register of legal persons. Only an advocate may be a member of a professional partnership of advocates. An advocate may be a member of only one professional partnership of advocates. The legal form of a legal person must be indicated in the name of a professional partnership of advocates. The name of a professional partnership of advocates shall also be subject to the provisions of paragraph 7 of Article 26 of this Law. The registered office of a professional partnership of advocates must be situated in the Republic of Lithuania. The requirements set in Article 22 of this Law shall apply to the registered office of a professional partnership of advocates, its branch or representative office. Members of a professional partnership of advocates shall not be liable with their property for obligations of the partnership that are not related to contracts for the provision of legal services when the assets of the</p>

	<p>professional partnership of advocates are not sufficient. In respect of obligations of a professional partnership of advocates arising from contracts for the provision of legal services concluded on behalf of the professional partnership of advocates when the assets of the professional partnership of advocates are not sufficient to discharge such obligations, the member of the professional partnership of advocates who has provided legal services shall be liable for these obligations to the extent of all his property. If it is not clear which advocate has provided legal services or if legal services are provided by an advocate who is not a member of the professional partnership of advocates, all the members of the professional partnership of advocates shall be liable for obligations under contracts for the provision of legal services when the assets of the professional partnership of advocates are not sufficient to discharge such obligations, to the extent of all their property in proportion to the right of claim of each member to the share of the assets of the professional partnership of advocates.</p>
<p>1.6. Areas of Activity</p>	<p>Representation of clients before all courts and administrative authorities, except for the representation in legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of Lithuania. Advise in the law of home and host state and European and International law.</p> <p>Lithuanian advocates provide the following services under Article 2 Section 1 of Bar Law of the Republic of Lithuania:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal consultations (legal advice); Drafting of legal documents; Representation on legal matters; Defense and representation in legal proceedings. <p>Under Article 65 of the Bar Law of Lithuania, a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country shall have the right to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) provide legal services in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law, except for the representation in legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of Lithuania; 2) in such cases where laws provide for the mandatory participation of advocates, provide legal services in legal proceedings only in conjunction with an advocate entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania. This case shall not give rise to contractual relations between the client and the advocate entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania, unless otherwise agreed by the parties; 3) exercise the rights established by laws of the Republic of Lithuania in respect of the provision of legal services; 4) open a branch in the Republic of Lithuania to provide legal services if it is without prejudice to the provisions of the national law governing practice of the profession in the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on him. <p>2. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union shall provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred on him by the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union within the scope of qualifications obtained in the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union providing legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union must express his professional title in the official language or one of the official languages of that Member State of the European Union, in an intelligible manner and in such a way as to avoid its confusion with the Lithuanian professional title of advocate. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union providing legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union must</p>

	<p>also indicate the professional (self-governing) organisation of which he is a member or the competent authority by which he is authorised to practise under the professional title of the Member State of the European Union.</p> <p>3. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country shall have the right to participate in the self-governance of Lithuanian advocates.</p>
1.7. Practice Rules	<p>In cases where laws provide for the mandatory participation of advocates, foreign lawyers have a right to provide legal services in legal proceedings only in conjunction with an advocate entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania. This case shall not give rise to contractual relations between the client and the advocate entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania, unless otherwise agreed by the parties in accordance with Article 63 Section 3 of Bar Law of the Republic of Lithuania.</p>
1.8. Principle of Double Deontology	<p>A lawyer must comply with the Lithuanian Code of Ethics for Advocates and other rules of professional conduct as well as the requirements of legal acts of the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on him. The main principles governing the practice of advocates are under Article 5 of the Bar Law of the Republic of Lithuania and Lithuanian Code of Ethics for Advocates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Freedom and independence of the advocate's activities; 2. Democracy, collegiality of relations and fair competition between advocates; 3. Lawfulness of the activities of advocates; 4. Non-disclosure of the client's secret; 5. Loyalty to the client and avoidance of any conflict of interests; 6. Irreproachable behavior. <p>Under Article 66 Section 1 point 2, a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country must: comply with the Lithuanian Code of Ethics for Advocates and other rules of professional conduct as well as the requirements of legal acts of the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on him.</p>
1.9. Disciplinary proceedings	<p>According to Articles 23, 52-55 of the Bar Law of Lithuania Republic, Lithuanian Bar Association or the Minister of Justice take a decision on whether to commence disciplinary proceeding or to dismiss them. The Court of Honour of Advocates hears disciplinary actions against advocates in accordance with the procedure established by the Lithuanian Bar Association or the Minister of Justice. The procedure is commenced if there are characteristics of a disciplinary offence in the activities of the lawyer or violations of the regulatory enactments, or for violations of the instructions regulating the work of lawyers and the norms of the professional ethics of lawyers. When initiating disciplinary proceedings, the Lithuanian Bar Association upon necessity has the right to suspend the lawyer from fulfilment of his or her duties. Influence of the state appears in such a way that the disciplinary proceedings may be initiated upon recommendation of Court of Honour of Advocates. Punished persons may appeal against the decisions of the Lithuanian Bar Association in court.</p> <p>A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country shall be held liable in accordance with the disciplinary procedure established in Chapter X of this Law which is described in a paragraph before. In addition to the disciplinary sanctions listed in subparagraphs 1-3 of Article 53 of this Law, a sanction – deregistration from the list of lawyers from Member States of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic</p>

	<p>of Lithuania – shall be imposed on a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union. Decisions of the Lithuanian Bar Association concerning the imposition of a disciplinary sanction on a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country must be reasoned.</p> <p>2. Before instituting a disciplinary action against a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country, the Lithuanian Bar Association must inform the competent authority in the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on him of its intention to initiate disciplinary proceedings, as well as furnish it with all the relevant information. The Lithuanian Bar Association must cooperate throughout the disciplinary proceedings with the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on the lawyer from the Member State of the European Union. That authority must also be informed about a decision taken by the Court of Honour of Advocates concerning that lawyer.</p> <p>3. Throughout the disciplinary proceedings the competent authority in the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on the lawyer from the Member State of the European Union shall have the right to be heard (right to participate in the disciplinary proceedings, make relevant submissions, etc.).</p> <p>4. If the competent authority in the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union suspends or withdraws the right of the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union to provide legal services (practise the profession of lawyer), the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union shall not have the right to provide legal services in the Republic of Lithuania either. Upon the receipt of the notification of the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union or the information of the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union about the suspension or withdrawal of such right, the Lithuanian Bar Association shall deregister the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union from the list of lawyers from Member States of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania. Where the right to provide legal services (practise the profession of lawyer) is temporarily suspended, the Lithuanian Bar Association shall, on the application of the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union upon the expiration of the period of the suspension of that right, register the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union in the list of lawyers from Member States of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania.</p>
<p>1.10. Insurance (professional indemnity insurance, social security, etc.)</p>	<p>A lawyer or lawyers functioning based on partnership must be covered by insurance against professional civil liability for the damage caused to the client in providing legal services under the Lithuanian laws exceeded 290 euros under Article 20 of the Bar Law of Lithuanian Republic.</p> <p>The object of compulsory insurance of an advocate against professional civil liability shall be an advocate's civil liability for the damage caused by illegal actions of an advocate, advocate's assistants or other employees of an advocate or a professional partnership of advocates in the pursuit of the advocate's activities.-An insured event shall mean illegal actions (act or omission) committed by an advocate, advocate's assistants or other employees of an advocate or a professional partnership of advocates during the period of validity of the insurance contract and resulting in the loss. 4. An advocate shall be covered by compulsory insurance against professional civil liability by entering into a contract of compulsory insurance of an advocate against professional civil liability. The policyholder of compulsory insurance of an advocate against professional civil liability shall be an advocate or a professional partnership of advocates. Where advocates practise through a professional partnership of advocates, the civil liability of the professional partnership of advocates may be covered by insurance. In this case, the sum insured shall be established according to the number of members of this professional partnership of advocates, pursuant to the requirements set in this Article. The minimum sum insured in respect of compulsory insurance of each advocate against professional civil</p>

	<p>liability shall be 290 000 euros for each insured event. An advocate may additionally take out compulsory insurance of an advocate against professional civil liability for the damage caused to natural or legal persons in the pursuit of the advocate's activities.</p> <p>According to the Article 66 Section 1 point 1, a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country must:</p> <p>1) be covered by insurance against professional civil liability for the damage caused to the client in providing legal services under this Law, except for the cases where a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union can prove that he is covered by insurance taken out against his professional civil liability for the damage caused to the client in providing legal services or another guarantee provided for compensation for damage in accordance with laws of the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred, and such insurance or guarantee is equivalent in terms of conditions and extent of cover. Insofar as such insurance or guarantee is not equivalent in terms of conditions and extent of cover, he must take out additional insurance against his professional civil liability or otherwise guarantee compensation for such damage so as to meet the requirement of this Law;</p> <p>Social security: a lawyer pays social security contributions independently or functioning based on partnership.</p>
1.11. Fees	A lawyer's fee for his provision of legal services shall be regulated by the lawyer's contract between the lawyer and his client ("contractual fee") in accordance with Article 50 of the Bar Law of Republic of Lithuania.
1.12. Continuing Legal Education	Not required.
1.13. Bar	A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country shall have the right to participate in the self-governance of Lithuanian advocates under Article 65 Section 3 of Bar Law of Lithuania Republic.
1.14. Conditions for the Acquisition of the Title of a 'National Lawyer'	<p>Article 68 of Bar Law of Lithuania Republic regulates:</p> <p>1. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union practising under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of a Member State of the European Union who has regularly and effectively provided legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania for a period of three years in the national law of Lithuania, including Community law, shall have the right to apply for his recognition as a Lithuanian advocate and entry on the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law. In this case, he shall be exempted from the requirements set out in subparagraphs 2, 3 and 6 of Article 7 of this Law (requirements for national lawyers). Regular and effective provision of legal services on a permanent basis shall mean actual exercise of the professional activity without any interruption other than that resulting from the events of everyday life.</p> <p>2. The lawyer referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article must furnish the Lithuanian Bar Association with proof of such regular and effective provision of legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania for the last three years in the national law of Lithuania. To that end:</p> <p>1) the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union must provide the Lithuanian Bar Association with all the information and documentation (in particular on the number of legal services provided on a permanent basis and their nature)</p>

necessary for recognising him as a Lithuanian advocate and entering him on the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law;

2) the Lithuanian Bar Association shall have the right to verify the effective and regular nature of the legal services provided on a permanent basis and, if needed, request the lawyer to provide, in writing or orally, clarification of or further details on the provided information and documentation.

3. Documents submitted to the Lithuanian Bar Association under this Article shall be subject to the requirements laid down in paragraph 4 of Article 64 of this Law.

4. A decision of the Lithuanian Bar Association to refuse to recognise the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union as a Lithuanian advocate and to enter him on the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law under the conditions set out in paragraph 1 of this Article must be reasoned. This decision may be appealed against to Vilnius Regional Court within 30 days from the delivery of the decision to the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union.

Article 69 of Bar Law of Lithuania Republic regulates:

1. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union practising under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of a Member State of the European Union who has regularly and effectively provided legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania for a period of at least three years but for a lesser period in the national law of Lithuania and gained the required knowledge of the national law of Lithuania shall have the right to apply for his recognition as a Lithuanian advocate and entry on the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law. In this case, he shall be exempted from the requirements set out in subparagraphs 2, 3 and 6 of Article 7 of this Law (requirements for national lawyers).

2. In order to take a decision to recognise a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union as a Lithuanian advocate and to enter him on the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law, the Lithuanian Bar Association shall verify the regular and effective provision of legal services on a permanent basis during the period referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, any knowledge and professional experience of the national law of Lithuania, as well as any attendance at lectures or seminars on the national law of Lithuania, including the rules regulating professional practice and conduct. The lawyer from a Member State of the European Union must provide the Lithuanian Bar Association with the necessary information and documentation (in particular on the legal services provided on a permanent basis). The regular and effective nature of the services provided and the capacity of the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union to continue the provision of legal services shall be assessed and verified by the Lithuanian Bar Association during an interview.

3. Documents submitted to the Lithuanian Bar Association under this Article shall be subject to the requirements laid down in paragraph 4 of Article 64 of this Law.

4. A decision of the Lithuanian Bar Association to refuse to recognise the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union as a Lithuanian advocate and to enter him in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law under the conditions set out in this Article must be reasoned. This decision may be appealed against to Vilnius Regional Court within 30 days from the delivery of the decision to the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union.

2. Services

<p>2.1. Under home title & representation before courts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service under your home title – before courts and administrative authorities. In cases where laws provide for the mandatory participation of advocates, a foreign lawyer has the right to provide services in legal proceedings only in conjunction with an advocate entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania. • Prior to providing legal services in the Republic of Lithuania on a temporary basis, a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union must present to the Lithuanian Bar Association a document issued by the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union attesting to his qualifications as a lawyer. Courts and administrative authorities may also require such a document. • If you have no address for service in the host state, you may be required to appoint a person authorized to accept service. <p>According to the Article 63 of Bar Law of Republic of Lithuania, a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union providing services in the Republic of Lithuania on a temporary basis shall have the right to: 1) in the pursuit of activities relating to the representation of clients in court or before state and municipal institutions and agencies, provide services in accordance with the requirements laid down for Lithuanian advocates entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania, with the exception of requirements for the place of practice of an advocate or membership in the Lithuanian Bar Association; 2) in such cases where laws provide for the mandatory participation of advocates, provide services in legal proceedings only in conjunction with an advocate entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania. This case shall not give rise to contractual relations between the client and the advocate entered in the List of Practising Advocates of Lithuania, unless otherwise agreed by the parties; 3) exercise the rights established by laws of the Republic of Lithuania in respect of the provision of legal services. 4. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article pursuing activities relating to the representation of clients in court or before state and municipal institutions and agencies must comply with the requirements of laws of the Republic of Lithuania and the Lithuanian Code of Ethics for Advocates, in addition to the requirements of legal acts of the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on him.</p>
<p>2.2. Deontology</p>	<p>The Code of Ethics for Advocates (hereinafter referred to as the Code) establishes the main rules and principles of professional ethics of advocates the Republic of Lithuania and regulates advocate's conduct in carrying out professional activities of an advocate and conduct related to professional activities and the repute of the advocate's profession.</p> <p>This Code is aimed at defining principles of professional activities and conduct, to which an advocate must adhere in his professional activities and daily life in order that proper performance of advocate's functions would be ensured, and the repute of the advocate's profession would be kept and cherished.</p> <p>When actions or acts of an advocate are not regulated by this Code, the Law on the Bar and other legal acts or when an advocate is not sure about requirements of professional ethics, the advocate must observe traditions and customs established in advocates' practice, the content of which corresponds to the principles of professional ethics and morality. The Code of Conduct for European Lawyers shall directly apply to international activities of advocates of the Republic of Lithuania in the European Union or in the European Economic Area.</p> <p>The main principles of professional ethics of advocates under Article 5 of Bar Law of Republic of Lithuania and Lithuanian Code of Ethics for Advocates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Freedom and independence of the advocate's activities; 2. Democracy, collegiality of relations and fair competition between advocates; 3. Lawfulness of the activities of advocates;

	<p>4. Non-disclosure of the client's secret;</p> <p>5. Loyalty to the client and avoidance of any conflict of interests;</p> <p>6. Irreproachable behaviour.</p> <p>According to the Article 66 Section 1 point 2, a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country must comply with the Lithuanian Code of Ethics for Advocates and other rules of professional conduct as well as the requirements of legal acts of the Member State of the European Union in which the professional title was conferred on him.</p>
2.3. Fees	<p>For the functions of the Lithuanian Bar Association advocates of Republic of Lithuania are charged for one-time membership fee of 500, 00 euros. Monthly, but in all cases not less than quarterly at the 25th of the last quarter advocates pay a membership fee of 30 euros according to General Meeting of advocates decision on lawyers' fees (consolidated version after 2015-03-20 and 2016-04-15 changes). Monthly payment is calculated from the month following the decision to include a person in the Bar Lithuania, the European Union Member States lawyers, providing regular legal services in the Republic of Lithuania. A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union entitled to provide legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of his home country shall pay compulsory contributions established by the general meeting of advocates of the Lithuanian Bar which are described above, under Article 66 Section 2.</p>
3. Acquisition of the national lawyer's title	
3.1. Via Establishment Directive	See above point 1.14
3.2. Via Professional Qualification Directive	<p>A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union practicing under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of a Member State of the European Union who has regularly and effectively provided legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania for a period of three years in the national law of Lithuania, including Community law, shall have the right to apply for his recognition as a Lithuanian advocate and entry on the List of Practicing Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law. In this case, he shall be exempted from the requirements set out in subparagraphs 2, 3 and 6 of Article 7 of this Law. Regular and effective provision of legal services on a permanent basis shall mean actual exercise of the professional activity without any interruption other than that resulting from the events of everyday life. 2. The lawyer referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article must furnish the Lithuanian Bar Association with proof of such regular and effective provision of legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania for the last three years in the national law of Lithuania. To that end: 1) the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union must provide the Lithuanian Bar Association with all the information and documentation (in particular on the number of legal services provided on a permanent basis and their nature) necessary for recognizing him as a Lithuanian advocate and entering him on the List of Practicing Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law; 2) the Lithuanian Bar Association shall have the right to verify the effective and regular nature of the legal services provided on a permanent basis and, if needed, request the lawyer to provide, in writing or orally, clarification of or further details on the provided information and documentation. 3. Documents submitted to the Lithuanian Bar Association under this Article shall be subject to the requirements laid down in paragraph 4 of Article 64 of this Law. 4. A decision of the Lithuanian Bar Association to refuse to recognize the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union as a Lithuanian advocate and to enter him on the List of Practicing Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law under the conditions set out in</p>

paragraph 1 of this Article must be reasoned. This decision may be appealed against to Vilnius Regional Court within 30 days from the delivery of the decision to the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union.

A lawyer from a Member State of the European Union practicing under the professional title conferred by the competent authority of a Member State of the European Union who has regularly and effectively provided legal services on a permanent basis in the Republic of Lithuania for a period of at least three years but for a lesser period in the national law of Lithuania and gained the required knowledge of the national law of Lithuania shall have the right to apply for his recognition as a Lithuanian advocate and entry on the List of Practicing Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law. In this case, he shall be exempted from the requirements set out in subparagraphs 2, 3 and 6 of Article 7 of this Law. In order to take a decision to recognize a lawyer from a Member State of the European Union as a Lithuanian advocate and to enter him on the List of Practicing Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law, the Lithuanian Bar Association shall verify the regular and effective provision of legal services on a permanent basis during the period referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, any knowledge and professional experience of the national law of Lithuania, as well as any attendance at lectures or seminars on the national law of Lithuania, including the rules regulating professional practice and conduct. The lawyer from a Member State of the European Union must provide the Lithuanian Bar Association with the necessary information and documentation (in particular on the legal services provided on a permanent basis). The regular and effective nature of the services provided and the capacity of the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union to continue the provision of legal services shall be assessed and verified by the Lithuanian Bar Association during an interview. Documents submitted to the Lithuanian Bar Association under this Article shall be subject to the requirements laid down in paragraph 4 of Article 64 of this Law. A decision of the Lithuanian Bar Association to refuse to recognize the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union as a Lithuanian advocate and to enter him in the List of Practicing Advocates of Lithuania in accordance with the procedure laid down in this Law under the conditions set out in this Article must be reasoned. This decision may be appealed against to Vilnius Regional Court within 30 days from the delivery of the decision to the lawyer from a Member State of the European Union.

4. Practicalities

4.1. Practical information

- You can find information on the court system, addresses, contacts and opening hours of all Lithuanian courts under: <http://www.teismai.lt/en/>.
- It is recommended to arrive at least 15 minutes beforehand, because you have to pass the security check which can be time consuming. Some of the Court houses are bigger than others, consider the time spent for searching the appropriate courtroom.
- Once you find the appropriate courtroom, please wait outside. You will be invited in.
- Before the Lithuanian courts, it is required to wear a gown in the courtrooms.
- As a defendant, you and your client sit on the left side from the judge. As a plaintiff, you sit on the right side from the judge's point of view.
- It is required to stand when the judge walks in or when you speak to him. You can ask questions or speak only when you were given the right to by the judge.
- Contacts to and information on the organization of the Lithuanian Bar Association are available under: <http://advokatura.lt/en/welcome.html>.

<p>4.2. National organisation</p>	<p>Lithuanian Bar Association is a public legal entity and may be legally characterized as an association. It is distinguished by broad intercultural competence and leadership of advocates in the geographical region. The bodies of the Lithuanian Bar Association are: General Meeting of Advocates, the Council of the Lithuanian Bar, the Court of Honour of Advocates and the Auditing Commission. The General Meeting of advocates is the highest body of the Lithuanian Bar Association. Its membership and principles of representation are established in the bylaws of the Lithuanian Bar Association. The mission of the Council of Lithuanian Bar is seeking to make optimal balance between protected traditions of the Bar, its contemporary needs and expectations, effectively moderating its activities and ensuring the availability of legal protection and quality legal defense. The Court of Honour of Advocates hears disciplinary actions against advocates in accordance with the procedure established by the Lithuanian Bar Association. The Auditing Commission is the supervisory body of the Lithuanian Bar Association reviewing the financial activities of the Lithuanian Bar Association.</p>
<p>4.3. Reference to national legislation with other languages available + links</p>	<p>Code of ethics for advocates: http://www.advokatura.lt/en/about-the-bar/code-of-ethics-ksah.html.</p>
<p>4.4. Reference to existing national guides</p>	<p>Reference to existing national guides in English: http://www.advokatura.lt/en/welcome.html; Reference to existing national guides Russian: http://www.advokatura.lt/ru/novosti.html.</p>
<p>4.5. Reference to services available for lawyers in that jurisdiction</p>	<p>EU, EEA or Swiss lawyers in Republic of Lithuania have access to the services under the same conditions as national lawyers. This includes participation in the seminars, conferences, annual meetings and celebrations organized. Also foreign lawyers have access to work with Lithuanian e-services portal (e.teismas.lt) which provide accessibility to submit data to the national courts of Lithuania during legal proceedings stage.</p>
<p>4.6. Contact information</p>	<p>Lithuanian Bar Association Office: Tilto str. 17, LT-01101 Vilnius Book-keeping room: Sporto str. 12, LT-09238 Vilnius Phone: 00370 5 262 4546 For media: 00370 682 62448 E-mail: la@advokatura.lt Fax: 00370 5 212 1859</p>