

Dispute Resolution

Litigation

List of legal fees

The fees for both the courts and the attorneys are fixed by law, on a decreasing scale depending on the sum in litigation. As the party losing the case has to bear all legal fees, the list below comprises the fees for the court plus the fees for the attorneys for both parties under the assumption that evidence has been taken. However, the cost of such evidence for technical or other expertise is not included; likewise, VAT is not included as it can usually be recovered.

Amount in dispute <u>Euro</u>	1st instance <u>Euro</u>	2nd instance <u>Euro</u>
1.200,00	803,00	1.062,98
5.000,00	2.504,36	3.314,35
10.000,00	4.016,96	4.325,73
25.000,00	5.753,96	7.652,83
50.000,00	8.694,56	11.562,61
110.000,00	12.038,24	16.149,39
155.000,00	14.546,00	19.589,48
200.000,00	17.053,76	23.029,57
320.000,00	22.138,88	30.000,22
410.000,00	25.952,72	35.228,22
500.000,00	29.766,56	40.456,21
750.000,00	37.236,56	50.617,21
1.000.000,00	44.706,56	60.778,21
2.000.000,00	74.586,56	101.422,21

If you or your adversary files an appeal, the total costs of the litigation obviously is the sum of the costs for the 1st and the 2nd instance.

As the statutory fees are fixed on very standardised situations, yourselves or your attorney may like to agree on an individual fee per hour spent on the file. In many cases, there are special fees according to the knowledge and experience of the individual staff involved.

Please note that an agreement on the attorney's fees other than the statutory fee requires a distinct, written document which may not comprise other agreements except the one on the fee. Despite such individual agreement, the winning party may reclaim the statutory fee, only, which is in most cases lower than the fee based on the individual agreement.

Any agreement on a share of the sum in litigation (*quota litis*) is null and void.