

THE LIBERALIZATION OF THE ENFORCEMENT SERVICE IN ALBANIA AND THE FUTURE CHALLENGES

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to analyse the enforcement service in Albania after the liberalization reform which occurred during the first decade of the new century. The new law approved in 2008 enacted the foundation of the first private enforcement offices which became very important competitors of the state enforcement offices eliminating the monopole situation which in a certain way was supported and financed by the state budget. The reforming of the Civil Procedure Code after the approval of the organic law and other bylaws regulating the functioning and the activity of the private enforcement offices and their agents improved drastically the quality of the services offered to the parties, being private individuals or enterprises. As a result the state of law is becoming more reliable in the eyes of the citizens. A future challenge of the enforcement service in general is the improvement of the professionalism level of the enforcement agents through continuous and qualitative training. Another challenge is also the sensitization and awareness of all the public institutions which somehow are related to the enforcement of the court decisions. The improvement of the bailiffs' status and the promotion of their role within the justice system is a must to be achieved through dissemination of the information in the mass media, etc. The Ministry of Justice has a key role in supervising systematically and professionally the activity of the enforcement service in Albania, being an important support for them.