Legal consuel

The court may provide information about the course of the proceedings, but it may not give you legal advice (for example, what you should do to succeed with your request). If it is difficult for you to compile the application yourself, or if you want legal advice, assistance, or representation in specific proceedings, it is recommended that a person with legal knowledge assist you.

💡 You can appoint a lawyer for representation, and in some cases another person. You can find the authorised representative before the beginning of the proceedings, or also during the proceedings. An authorised representative is a lawyer or another person authorised by a party to represent them in court proceedings.

! Cooperate with your lawyer

Tell your lawyer all about your case, and ask them about the expected course of the proceedings, possible case law and comparable cases, and estimated costs.

Free legal aid

If your own financial situation and the financial situation of your family do not allow you to cover your legal costs and lawyers' fees, you may be entitled to free legal aid. The application is valid only for costs incurred since the date of application.

There are some **470 court interpreters** who translate into **38 languages**.

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Going to court in Slovenia

Slovenian courts

The courts in the Republic of Slovenia use the official language – which is Slovenian. In the area inhabited also by ethnic minorities, courts may also use Italian and Hungarian.

Written applications, letters, summonses and rulings

The court does not translate written applications, letters, summonses or rulings; therefore, if you need translations of these, you must provide them yourself. If you file an application in a foreign language, the court will ask you to file it in the Slovenian language; otherwise, the court will not consider the content of the application, but will reject it (except in the case of the aforementioned ethnic minorities).

If you do not understand the language used by the court at the hearing, you may suggest that the court provides a translation.

Language at hearings

You have the right to use your own language at hearings.

You must inform the court of this as soon as possible. If the court only finds out at the hearing that you do not understand the official language, it cannot immediately provide interpreting and the proceedings can be unduly delayed.

Need interpretation?

If you need interpretation, report it to the register during office hours. When contacting the court, please provide basic information about the case – for example, that you are a party to the proceedings and the case reference number.

Information about your case

The court usually does not provide information on the state of the case or information in relation to proceedings over the telephone.

By telephone or by using electronic communications, the court may provide participants in the proceedings with the information needed to successfully implement proceedings (e.g. when the hearing is scheduled).

Basic information about a case may be obtained in person from the court register of the court handling the proceedings.

At the register, during the official hours of the court, you can obtain information about, for example, which judge decides on the matter, whether the hearing is already scheduled and when it will take place, who the other parties to the proceedings are, whether the court ruling is final. At the register, you can view the file on your case and order copies of the documents of the file.

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