

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 9.07.2004 ON FEES FOR LEGAL WORK (TITLE AMEND. - SG 14/25)

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Section I. General Provisions

Art. 1. (Amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) The amount of the fee for legal assistance provided by lawyers shall be determined by free negotiation on the basis of a written contract with the client.

Art. 2. (Amend. - SG 02/09) (1) (Amend. - SG 14/25) In the absence of a written contract, the fee shall be determined by the Bar Council in accordance with the criteria provided for in this Ordinance.

(2) (Amend. - SG 14/25) In the cases under Art. 38, para. 2 of the Lawyers Act, the fee due shall be determined by the court or the pre-trial proceedings authorities in accordance with the criteria provided for in this Ordinance.

(3) (New - SG 28/14, repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020)

(4) (New - SG 84/16) The fee for procedural representation shall be due at each instance, including upon return of the case for re-examination.

(5) (New - SG 84/16, suppl. – SG, 88/22) For procedural representation, defence and assistance in civil cases, the fee shall be determined according to the type and number of the claims, for each of them individually, irrespective of the form of combining the claims.

(6) (New - SG 68/20) The payment of the remuneration is in advance and payable as of the date of concluding the contract for legal aid. It can be rescheduled in several installments.

(7) (New – SG, 88/22) In the case of partial claims, the remuneration for the first partial claim shall be determined on the full amount of the claim, irrespective of the part of the claim.

(8) (New – SG, 88/22) In the case of legal representation, defense and assistance, carried out in judicial and administrative departments, located outside the locality, in which the lawyer's office is situated, the remuneration, determined in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall not include travel and subsistence expenses.

(9) (New – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) Where the legal representation, defense and assistance involve special factual and legal complexity, the fee under this Ordinance can be set at double the amount.

Art. 3. (Suppl. - SG 28/14, repealed in reference to supplementation with N28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force form 15.05.2020, suppl. - SG 68/20) Where a voluntary settlement of the dispute is reached or the case is concluded by settlement, reconciliation or agreement or be terminated due to withdrawal or waiver of the claim, the paid fee shall not be subject to return.

Art. 4. (Suppl. – SG, 88/22) If a client waives the concluded agreement without reasonable grounds, the fee, paid by the latter shall not be subject to return and where the payment of the remuneration is deferred in several instalments, the client shall pay the full amount of the remuneration agreed.

Art. 5. (1) (Suppl. – SG, 88/22, prev. text of Art. 5, amend. - SG 14/25) Lawyers may provide free legal assistance to:

1. persons in financial difficulty;
2. persons entitled to financial support;
3. friends and relatives or other lawyers.

(2) (New - SG 14/25) Free legal assistance to the persons under para. 1 may also be provided by law firms and partnerships.

Section II.

Fee for counselling, references, preparation of documents and contracts and certification of copies of documents under Art. 32 of the Lawyers Act (Title, suppl. - SG 84/16)

Art. 6. (1) (Former text of Art. 6 – SG, 88/22) The fees for counselling, information, preparation of documents and contracts shall be the following:

1. (amend. - SG 2/09, amend. and suppl. - SG 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for oral counseling, consultation, on a mediation procedure without the participation of the lawyer in it and reference in judicial and administrative places, etc. - BGN 100;

2. (amend. - SG 2/09, amend. - SG 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for written consultation - BGN 200;

3. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for case study and counselling - BGN 450;

4. (amend. - SG 2/09, amend. - SG 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for complaints and signals to the prosecution, the police, state or municipal bodies - BGN 200;

5. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 88/22) for notarized summons, requests for acceptance of inheritance or disclaimers of inheritance, preparation of documents regarding notary registration, applications for remission and other requests - BGN 200;

6. (amend., SG 2/09), amend. - SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for an application for refusal or restoration of Bulgarian citizenship - BGN 450;

7. (amend. - SG 02/09 amend. – SG, 88/22) for drafting a will - BGN 300;

8. (suppl., SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) to draw up: a written contract, notary deeds for ownership, sale, exchange, donation, mortgage, superfiction and easements, extra-judicial settlement, as well as drawing up agreement in the mediation procedure, without the participation of the lawyer in it, as well as for drawing up an act of circumstantial check, based on the price of the respective contract or act:

a) in interest amounts up to BGN 1000 – BGN 250;

b) in interest amounts from BGN 1000 to 10 000 - BGN 250 + 3 percent for the overplus exceeding BGN 1000;

c) in interest amounts from BGN 10 000 to 100 000 - BGN 500 + 2 percent for the overplus exceeding BGN 10 000;

d) in interest amounts from BGN 100 000 - BGN 1 000 000 – BGN 2300 + 1 percent for the overplus over BGN 100 000;

e) in interest, exceeding BGN 1 000 000 - BGN 11 300 + 0,5 percent for the overplus exceeding BGN 1 000 000;

9. (amend. and suppl., SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with

Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. – SG, 88/22) for preparation of documents and application for registration of circumstances and declaration of acts, concerning:

- a) a sole trader - BGN 250;
- b) a general partnership - BGN 300;
- c) a limited partnership - BGN 400;
- d) a limited liability company - BGN 500;
- e) a joint-stock company - BGN 1000;
- f) a cooperative society - BGN 750;
- g) a housing cooperative - BGN 750;
- h) foundations and non-profitable associations - BGN 600;

10. (deleted – SG 28/14, deletion repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for filing documents for registration of circumstances and announcement of acts in the relevant register, without preparation of the documents, the fees shall be 1/2 of the remuneration under item 9;

11. (amend. - SG, 02/09, amend. - SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SBC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. – SG, 88/22) for current legal assistance under a contract with a legal person or a sole trader - BGN 800 per month, for appearing in the cases of the respective legal person or sole trader, the lawyer shall be paid a separate remuneration;

12. (new - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 88/22) for hourly consulting services, agreed upon - BGN 120 per hour.

13. (new – SG, 84/16) for validation of copies of documents under Art. 32 of the Lawyers Act, provided to the lawyer, in reference to, or in connection with the defence of the rights and legitimate interests of his client - BGN 3 for the first page, and BGN 2 for each subsequent page.

14. (new - SG 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) for preparation of documentation for participation in procedures under the Public Procurement Act, tender and competitive documentation under the State Property Act, the Municipal Property Act, the Concessions Act, the lawyer's remuneration shall be determined in accordance with Art.6, Para. 1, item 8 on the basis of the value, for which the procedure was announced.

(2) (New – SG, 88/22) The remuneration, referred to in Para. 1 shall be increased by ½, when the legal aid is provided in a foreign language. Where documents are drafted in different languages, the client shall pay a separate fee in the amounts, referred to in Para. 1, for each of the languages, in which they are drafted.

(3) (New – SG, 88/22) The remuneration, referred to in Para. 1 and 2 shall be double for legal aid, provided in cases of urgency or on non-working days.

Section III.

Fees for civil and administrative proceedings (one instance)

Art. 7. (1) (Amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in civil cases, the remunerations shall be the following:

1. (amend. and suppl. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SBC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. - SG 14/25) In cases for cancellation of dismissal and

reinstatement of work - the remuneration shall be the amount of the minimum monthly salary for the country at the time of concluding the contract for legal assistance or at the time of determining the remuneration under Art. 2;

2. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for dissolution of marriage by claim - BGN 1200, and for divorce by mutual consent – BGN 800, provided that as regards to settlement of property issues and drafting of the agreement, Para. 4 shall also apply;

3. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for establishing and contesting paternity - BGN 1200;

4. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for other claims with no material claim- BGN 1000;

5. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for security procedures and securing evidence procedures - BGN 750;

6. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) in alimony cases - BGN 500;

7. (new - SG 02/09, suppl. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) in private claim proceedings - 1/3 of the amount for one instance according to the subject-matter of the case and the material interest of the party and, where the appeal is against an order, staying the proceedings, 1/2 of the amount for one instance;

8. (new – SG, 28/14, repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020)

9. (new – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 88/22) for proceeding representation, defence and assistance on cases for placement under interdiction – BGN 1000;

10. (new – SG, 28/14) for proceeding under the Commerce Act on claim of a partner or shareholder against the company on claims for protection of membership rights, claims under the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act, the Cooperatives Act, the Act on Commercial Register and the Register of Non-Profit Legal Persons, the Bulstat Register Act and claims under other Acts, regulating register proceedings and entries therein - BGN 1250.

(2) (Amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in cases of fixed material interest, the fees shall be the following:

1. in interest – up to BGN 1000;

2. in interest from BGN 1000 to 10 000 – 400, plus 10 % for the amount over 1000 BGN;

3. in interest from BGN 10 000 to 25 000 – BGN 1300, plus 9% for the mount over BGN 10 000;

4. in interest from BGN 25 000 – to BGN 100 000 – BGN 2650 plus 8 % for the amount over BGN 25 000.

5. in interest from BGN 100 000 to BGN 500 000 – BGN 8650, plus 4% for the amount over BGN 100 000;

6. in interest from BGN 500 000 to 1 000 000 – BGN 24650 plus 3% for the amount over BGN

500 000;

7. in interest from BGN 1 000 000 to BGN 10 000 000. - BGN 39 650 plus 1,5 % for the amount over BGN 1 000 000;

8. in interest exceeds BGN 10 000 000 - BGN 174 650, plus 0,6 % for the amount over BGN 10 000 000.

(3) (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, suppl. – SG 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For legal representation, defense and assistance in insolvency proceedings, the remuneration shall be calculated on the basis of the value of the claims, on the basis of which the opening of insolvency proceedings is claimed, according to the methodology under Para. 2. For the preparation of an application for filing a claim, as well as for the preparation of an objection to a filed or accepted claim in insolvency proceedings, as well as for participation in the proceedings on the examination of the objections, the remuneration shall be 1/2 of the amount, provided for under Para. 2. For the preparation of a bidding proposal and participation in a procedure for the acquisition of property from the bankruptcy estate, the remuneration shall be determined in accordance with the procedure of Art. 6, Para. 1, item 8.

(4) (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. – 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) Fees for proceeding representation, for defense and assistance in partition cases shall be determined on the basis of the material interest of the represented party, according to the rules set out in Para 2 for each phase of the proceedings. For legal representation, defense and assistance in cases of partition only on agricultural lands, the fee shall be determined in accordance with the interest of the represented party, according to the rules of Para. 2 for each phase.

(5) (New - SG 84/16, amend. and suppl. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, defense and assistance on claims under Art. 75, 76 and 108 of the Ownership Act, the fee shall be determined in accordance with the interest of the represented party, according to the rules of Para. 2. The remuneration shall be determined on the basis of the market price of the properties and, if the properties do not have a market price, on the basis of the tax evaluation.

(6) (New - SG 84/16, amend. and suppl. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For proceeding representation, defense and assistance in cases of existence, for destruction or for termination of contracts and for concluding a final contract with subject real rights on real estate, the fee shall be determined according to the interest of the represented party, according to the rules of Para. 2. The remuneration shall be determined on the basis of the market price of the properties and, if the properties do not have a market price, on the basis of the tax evaluation.

(7) (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, former Para. 5 – SG 84/16, repealed in reference to N28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020) Fees for defense and assistance in securing a future claim proceeding, procedures for issue of writ of execution under Art. 405, Paras 3 and 4 of the Civil Procedure Code and procedures for issue of execution orders shall be determined according to the rules under Para 2 on the basis of half of the value of the amounts, claimed.

(8) (Repealed - SG 02/09, new – SG, 28/14, former Para. 6 – SG, 84/16, repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020)

(9) (New - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) In case of defense in a case with more than two court hearings, an additional BGN 250 shall be paid for each subsequent hearing.

Art. 8. (Amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N28 of 2014, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SBC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020) (1) (Repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in administrative cases with a defined material interest, the remuneration shall be defined under Art. 7, Para. 2.

(2) For proceeding representation, defense and assistance on administrative cases without defined material interest:

1. (repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for cases under the Spatial Development Act and the Cadaster and Property Register Act - BGN 1250;

2. (repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for cases under the Code of Social Insurance - BGN 500;

3. (repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for cases under the Ministry of Interior Act - BGN 750.

4. (amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for cases under the National Standardization Act – BGN 600;

5. (amend. and suppl. – SG, 84/16, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) in proceedings on appeal of the decision for opening a procedure, decision for selection of a contractor or for termination of the procedure of a contracting authority under the Public Procurement Act, the remuneration shall be determined in accordance with Art. 8, Para. 1 on the interest, on which the state fee for the production is determined; in other cases of appeal against decisions of the contracting authority - BGN 1500.

6. (new – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for cases under the Bulgarian Personal Documents Act – BGN 600;

7. (new – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for cases under the Agricultural Producers Support Act – BGN 800;

8. (new – SG, 88/22) in cases under the Protection of Competition Act, before the CPC or a court instance - BGN 1500, and when the initiated case concerns an act with a material interest (imposed monetary or pecuniary sanction or other), the remuneration shall be determined in accordance with Art. 8, Para. 1;

9. (new – SG, 88/22) in cases under the Protection from Discrimination Act before the CPC, or a court instance - BGN 1500;

10. (new – SG, 88/22) in cases under the Consumer Protection Act and the Protection of Personal Data Act - BGN 900.

(3) (New – SG, 84/16, amend. - SG, 88/22) For proceeding representation, defense and assistance on administrative cases without defined material interest, apart from the cases under Para. 2, the fee shall be BGN 1000.

(4) (Former Para. 3 – SG, 84/16, repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, new - SG 88/02) For legal representation, defense and assistance before an administrative body, the remuneration shall be determined in accordance with the preceding Paragraphs.

Art. 9. (Amend. - SG 02/09) (1) (Amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) For drawing up a petition application and a written response to a petition, an appeal or a cassation appeal without proceeding representation, as well as for civil case study and countersigning a cassation appeal under Art. 284, Para 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure, provided that it has not been drafted by the lawyer signing it, shall amount shall be 3/4 of the fees under Art. 7 or 8.

(2) (New – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) For drawing up a cassation claim with grounds for admittance of cassation appeal under Art. 280, Para. 1 of the CPC without proceeding representation, the fee shall be 3/4 of the fee under Art. 7 or 8.

(3) (New – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) For drawing up a response on cassation claim with grounds for admittance to cassation appeal under Art.

280, Para. 1 of the CPC, without proceeding representation, the fee shall be 3/4 of the fee under Art. 7, or 8.

(4) (Former Para. 2, amend. and suppl. – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) For legal representation in proceedings for annulment of a decision, which has entered into force, the remuneration shall be determined in accordance with the procedure of Art. 7 or Art. 8. For preparation of an application for annulment of a final judgment or a reply to an application for annulment of a final judgment without legal representation in open court session, the remuneration shall be 3/4 of the remuneration under Art. 7 or Art. 8.

(5) (New - SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For drawing up complaints to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and for a preliminary ruling to the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg without legal representation, the fee shall be BGN 2000.

(6) (New - SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) For drawing up a complaint under the Public Procurement Act, a written reply, an objection to such a complaint without legal representation before the Commission for Competition Protection, or the Supreme Administrative Court, the fee shall be 3/4 of the fee, determined in accordance with Art. 8.

(7) (New - SG 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) For the preparation of an objection to a controlling body or a complaint to a court on financial corrections for projects, related to the spending of European funds or operational programs without legal representation, the fee shall be 3/4 of the fee, determined in accordance with Art. 8.

Art. 10. (Amend. – SG, 28/14, suppl. – SG, 84/16) for proceeding representation, defence and assistance in enforcement cases, the fee shall be the following:

1. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SBC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20) for initiation of enforcement proceedings - BGN 200;

2. (amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. - SG 7/19, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for proceeding representation, defence and assistance of the parties in leading an enforcement case and undertaking actions aiming at satisfying monetary claims - 1/2 of the respective remuneration under Art. 7, Para. 2;

3. (amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16) for proceeding representation, defense and assistance to the party in enforcement cases with subject-matter entry in or leaving a real estate - of the respective fees set out in Art. 7, Para 2, on the basis of the property value;

4. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) For proceeding representation, defense and assistance of the party on enforcement case, with subject actions, apart from the above-mentioned in item 2 and 3 - BGN 350;

5. (new – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22) for appeal the actions of a bailiff - BGN 400, and when the appeal is considered in an open session - BGN 600; the same fee shall be due to the debtor's procedural representative.

Art. 11. (Amend. – SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed, in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) For court orders, for the preparation of private appeals, for appeals against the actions of a bailiff, a notary, a registry judge and a registration officer, the fee shall be BGN 400, and when appeals are heard in open court - BGN 600.

Section IV.

Fees for criminal and administrative sanctions proceedings (one instance)

Art. 12. (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to the amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC – SG, 45/20,

in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) The remuneration for procedural representation, protection and assistance in the pre-trial proceedings is in the amounts under Art. 13, para. 1, and when performing procedural actions on different days - BGN 250 for each day.

Art. 13. (1) Fees for defense of the defendant, private prosecutor or the private complainant shall be the following:

1. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) in cases, where the punishment for the asserted crime is probation or fine - BGN 600;

2. (amend. - S 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) imprisonment of up to 5 years - BGN 1000;

3. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) imprisonment of up to 10 years - BGN 1500;

4. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) imprisonment of up to 15 years - BGN 2250;

5. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) imprisonment of over 15 years - BGN 3000;

6. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) life imprisonment - BGN 6000;

7. (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) in the event of settlement, where the lawyer has not participated in the criminal proceedings - BGN 750;

8. (repealed - SG 02/09, former item 9, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020);

9. (amend. – SG, 2/09, former item 10, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) for appearing before a court on measures of procedural coercion, if the lawyer has not participated in the criminal proceedings by proxy - BGN 900.

10. (amend. – SG, 2/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, revoked - SG 68/20)

(2) (amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020) For procedural representation, protection and assistance of the civil plaintiff or the civil defendant - the remuneration is determined according to the rules of Art. 7, Para. 2.

(3) (New, SG, 84/16) For the procedural representation, defense and assistance of the defendant, the private claimant or the private prosecutor for several charges, the fee under Para. 1, provided for the worst accusation, shall be increased by 1/2.

(4) (New – SG, 84/16) In defense of more than one person, the fee for every defended person

shall be defined under Para. 1.

Art. 14. (1) (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, former text of Art. 14, amend. – SG, 88/22) In those cases where the hearing in a criminal case lasts more than one day, the additional fee for each day shall amount to BGN 250 per day.

(2) (New – SG, 88/22) For defense in a criminal or administrative-criminal case with more than two hearings, an additional BGN 250 shall be paid for each subsequent hearing.

Art. 15. (Amend. – SG, 84/16) The fee for preparation of appeal or cassation appeal without appearing at court shall amount to 3/4 of the fee under Art. 13.

Art. 16. (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) Fees for private complaints in criminal proceedings shall amount to BGN 300, and where those complaints are considered in a public hearing - BGN 600.

Art. 17. In criminal proceedings, including in cases of civil claim in the criminal proceedings, shall not be allowed negotiation of fee depending on the outcome of the case.

Art. 18. (1) (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. and suppl. - SG 14/25) For the preparation of an appeal against a penal decree without legal representation the fee shall be determined according to the rules of Art. 7, Para. 2 on the basis of half the amount of the sanction, respectively the compensation.

(2) (Suppl. - SG 02/09, amend. and suppl. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. – SG, 88/22) If administrative sanction is in the form of fine, proprietary sanction and/or property compensation is imposed, the fee shall be determined according to Art. 7, Para. 2 on the basis of the value of any fine, sanction and/or compensation imposed.

(3) (New – SG, 28/14, repealed with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020)

(4) (New - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in cases of administrative penal nature outside the cases under Para. 2 the remuneration is BGN 500.

Section V.

Fees for involvement in special proceedings regulated by an Act (one instance) (new - SG 02/09)

Art. 19. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in proceedings under the Health Act shall be BGN 500.

Art. 20. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in individual court proceedings under the Child Protection Act shall be BGN 600.

Art. 21. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For proceeding representation, defense and assistance in proceedings under Chapter IX, X and XI of the Family Code the fee shall be BGN 600.

Art. 22. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14, with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.2019 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of the SBC- SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in proceedings under the Protection Against Domestic Violence Act, the fee shall be BGN 600.

Art. 23. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in proceedings under the Extradition and European Arrest Warrant Act, the fee shall be BGN 800.

Art. 24. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For, procedural representation, protection and assistance in proceedings under the Decree against Petty Hooliganism, the fee shall be BGN 500.

Art. 25. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in exequatur proceedings, the fee shall be BGN 500.

Art. 26. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in delegation proceedings, where the lawyer is not involved in the entire case, the fee shall be BGN 500.

Art. 27. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) The rate of fees for legal assistance and procedural representation, protection and assistance of a witness under Art. 122 of the Penal Procedure Code, where the lawyer is not involved in the entire case, shall be BGN 500.

Art. 28. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in restraining order proceedings, where the lawyer is not involved in the entire case, the fee shall be BGN 900.

Art. 29. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For procedural representation, protection and assistance in cumulation proceedings, the fee shall be BGN 600.

Art. 30. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 68/20, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) The rate of fees for preparation of

a request under Art. 368 of the Penal Procedure Code shall be BGN 800.

Art. 31. (1) (New - SG 02/09, former text of Art. 31, amend. – SG 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 14/25) For defence in resumption of criminal proceedings, the fee shall amount to the rate for one instance.

(2) (New - SG 28/14, amend., SG, 84/16, amend. - SG 14/25) For the preparation of a request for resumption of a criminal case without appearance at a court session the fee shall be 3/4 of the remuneration under Para. 1.

Art. 32. (New - SG 02/09, amend. – SG, 28/14, amend. – SG, 28/14, repealed in reference to amendment with N 28/14 with Decision N 13062 of 03.10.19 and Decision N 5419 of 08.05.2020 of SAC – SG, 45/20, in force from 15.05.2020, amend. - SG 14/25) For defence in proceedings for execution of sentences of foreign courts under Art. 457, Para 2 of the Penal Procedure Code, the fee shall amount to 1/2 of the rate for one instance, provided that the type and the amount of the punishment is taken into account.

Art. 33. (New - SG, 28/14, amend., SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For the proceeding representation, defense and assistance in proceedings under the Measures against Delinquency of Minors and Juveniles Act the fee shall be 500.

Art. 34. (New - SG, 28/14, SG, 84/16, repealed – SG, 88/22)

Art. 35. (New – SG, 84/16, amend. – SG, 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) For proceeding representation, defense and assistance in proceedings of the Asylum and Refugees Act, the fee shall be BGN 600.

Art. 35a. (New - SG 88/22, amend. - SG 14/25) The remuneration for representation, defense and assistance of a detainee under the Ministry of the Interior Act shall be BGN 300.

Art. 36. (New - SG, 84/16, amend. - SG 14/25) For representation and assistance in mediation proceedings in civil and commercial cases, the fee shall be 1/3 of the fees provided in Art. 7.

Additional provisions

§ 1. As regards to cases which have not been explicitly regulated by this Ordinance, the fee shall be determined by analogy.

§ 1a. (New - SG 14/25) (1) For the purposes of this Ordinance, when determining the amount of fees for legal work, "interest" is:

1. in the case of monetary receivables - the nominal value of the receivable, and in the case of periodic payments - the total amount of payments for the entire term, and if no term is specified - for 3 years;

2. in the case of other rights - the market price of the object or right, but not less than the value of the contract.

(2) When determining the amount of lawyer's fees for the assessment of the "factual and legal complexity" of the case, the following are taken into account:

1. In the case of legal work that is not related to legal representation, the following are taken into account:

a) the type and volume of documents and papers being examined and the time required to investigate the case from a factual perspective, including the time required to hold meetings with the client and other persons, to inspect real estate, belongings and consult with specialists in the relevant field and other necessary actions according to the specific case;

b) the type and scope of applicable legislation, case law and legal literature relevant to resolving the case;

c) communication with the client or third parties in a foreign language;

d) performance of legal work on weekends or holidays;

2. in the case of legal work related to procedural representation - the criteria under item 1 shall apply to the preparation of the case in the pre-trial phase, and for the judicial phase, coefficients are applied for the type of case, the procedural actions performed and the development of the proceedings, provided for in the Rules for Evaluating the Workload of Judges, adopted by the Supreme Judicial Council, including the correction coefficients for increasing the factual and legal complexity of the case.

§ 2. (Amend. - SG 02/09, amend. and suppl. - SG, 28/14, declared null and void by Decision No. 14820 of 10.12.2014 of the SAC - SG, 10/16, in force from 05.02.2016)

§ 2a. (New - SG 43/10, amend. - SG 28/14, suppl. - SG 84/16) For lawyers not registered under the Value Added Tax Act, the amount of the fee under this Ordinance shall not include any value added tax and for the registered tax, the value added shall be charged on the fees under this Ordinance and is considered to be an integral part of the lawful lawyer's fee due by the client, according to the requirements of the Value Added Tax Act.

§ 2b. (New - SG 84/16, repealed - SG 14/25)

Concluding provisions

§ 3. The present Ordinance has been adopted by a Regulation of the Supreme Bar Council of July 9, 2004 and is issued on the ground of Art. 121, para 1 in relation to Art. 36 and 38 of the Lawyers Act (SG 55/04) and it shall repeal Ordinance No 1 of 1999 on the Minimum Amount of the Lawyers Fees (SG 93/99).