

Multilateral Trainee Programme 2016 for German-speaking Civil/Commercial Judges and Criminal Judges/Public Prosecutors

Programme Description

IRZ will in 2016 – in cooperation with the German Association of Judges (Deutscher Richterbund) and the Ministries of Justice of the federal states of Germany – organise internships for German-speaking **judges for civil and commercial cases** and for **criminal-court judges and public prosecutors**.

A very good command of the German language is essential for the participation in the internship programme.

Unlike previous years, the internship programme for the **judges for civil and commercial cases** and for the **criminal-court judges and public prosecutors** will be held at the same date from 15 November to 2 December 2016.

The arrival of the participants is scheduled for 15 November 2016. During the period from 16 - 19 November an introductory course will take place in Königswinter near Bonn. Depending on their field of specialisation, the participants will at times deal with civil and criminal law issues in separate working groups. On 20 November the participants will travel to the respective locations where the internships will take place.

During the period from 21 November to 29 November the participants will have the opportunity to get to know the practice of their German colleagues and to exchange views and experiences. For the judges for civil and commercial cases the internships will take place at local and regional courts, for criminal-court judges and public prosecutors the internships will be organised at local and regional courts and at public prosecutors' offices.

On 30 November the participants will travel back to Königswinter, where an evaluation seminar will be held on 1 December. The return to the home countries is scheduled for 2 December 2016.

The organisers will provide the participants with the following benefits:

- free board and lodging during the seminars in Königswinter
- travel costs from Königswinter to the place of internship and from there back to Königswinter
- provision of materials (Creifeld's Dictionary of Legal Terms, Nomos legal texts "civil law" or "criminal law" depending on the respective specialisation of the participant etc.)
- free accommodation (depending on availability in a host family or a boarding house) during the internship period
- a monetary subsistence allowance for necessary expenditures during the internship period in the amount of 250 €
- a health insurance which covers the costs of medical treatment in the case of acute illness

In accordance with international practice the participants have to bear the travel costs to and from Germany themselves.

Basically one place for a civil/commercial judge and one place for a criminal judge/public prosecutor is scheduled in the programme per invited country. In case that there will be vacancies in the programme if invited countries do not nominate candidates, a second place for a civil/commercial judge or for a criminal judge/public prosecutor may be granted.

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