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NEW IN THE LEGISLATION ON THE COURT FEE

Article is devoted to the scientific and practical analysis of the Law of Ukraine "On Court Fee" and identification of its characteristics compared with the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On State Duty". In this paper the concept of court fee is investigated, practical aspects of its using in relation to the administrative, civil and commercial procedure are considered. The accent in the study is placed on changes in legislation and novels on court costs.

So, the court fees have risen dramatically, the method of their calculation has changed, and now the court fee is calculated according to the amount of the claim and the minimum wage, and not on the non-taxable minimum incomes of citizens as before. Besides, the privileges to certain categories of persons to pay court fees are canceled and the list of objects charged with the court fee greatly expanded.

The main advantage of the Law of Ukraine "On Court Fee" is that the simplified procedure of payment of court fee: if earlier it was necessary to pay two payments (state duties and fee for informational and technical support of the legal action), now the court expenses are limited by the payment of court fee, which increases considerably.

As a result, the author concludes that the changes in the legislation on court fee significantly limited access to justice, particularly for persons of the middle class.