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Women in Legal Professions

The research was conducted by the Institute of Social Sciences on behalf of the Council for Gender Equity of the Government of Serbia. Questionnaires were sent to 309 institutions and 293, or 95%, responded.

Serbian women became eligible to obtain law degrees in the 1920s, but after graduation they could only work as court clerks.

By the 1990s, 70% of freshmen students at Serbia’s law faculties were female.

Forty-two per cent of the judges in 1992 were women, but comparatively few women were in higher courts, there were no women court presidents, and a disproportionately high number of women judges were found in only three cities. After an election of judges in 1992, 42% of the judges were women. The total percentage of women

COURTS	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Municipal courts	1024	60%	672	40%	1696	100%
District courts	182	42%	250	58%	432	100%
Supreme Court	25	37%	43	63%	68	100%
TOTAL	1231	56%	965	44%	2196	100%

among public prosecutors in 1992 was 26%.

Data from 2000:

PUBLIC PROSECUTORS	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Municipal	183	44	235	56	418	100%
District	60	35	111	65	171	100%
Republic	12	29	30	71	42	100%
TOTAL	255	40	346	60	631	100%

Data from 2007:

A majority of the total number of judges (64%) and deputy public prosecutors (60%), were women, but there were relatively fewer women among the court presidents (40%) and public prosecutors (20%).

After comparing data from 1992, 2000 and 2007, one can conclude that the representation of women among judges and prosecutors increased over time, although women were still less represented in higher positions in the hierarchy.

Table 1:

	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Presidents of the courts in 2007						
Municipal	49	43%	65	57%	114	100%
District	5	23%	17	77%	22	100%
Supreme	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
TOTAL	55	40%	82	60%	137	100%
Judges in 2007						
Municipal	1010	66%	513	34%	1523	100%
District	168	56%	133	44%	301	100%
Supreme	39	52%	36	48%	75	100%
TOTAL	1217	64%	682	36%	1899	100%

Table 2:

	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Number of judges in 2000						
Municipal	1024	60%	672	40%	1696	100%
District	182	42%	250	58%	432	100%
Supreme	25	37%	43	63%	68	100%
TOTAL	1231	56%	965	44%	2196	100%
Number of judges in 2007						
Municipal	1010	66%	513	34%	1523	100%
District	168	56%	133	44%	301	100%
Supreme	39	52%	36	48%	75	100%
TOTAL	1217	64%	682	36%	1899	100%

Table 3:

	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Public prosecutors in 2007						
Municipal	22	23%	74	77%	96	100%
District	2	9%	21	91%	23	100%
Republic	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
TOTAL	24	20%	96	80%	120	100%
Deputy prosecutors in 2007						
Municipal	220	65%	116	35%	336	100%
District	72	48%	78	52%	150	100%
Republic	18	51%	17	49%	35	100%
TOTAL	310	60%	211	40%	521	100%

Table 4:

	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Deputy prosecutors in 2000						
Municipal	183	44%	235	56%	418	100%
District	60	36%	111	44%	171	100%
Republic	12	29%	30	71%	42	100%
TOTAL	255	40%	376	60%	631	100%
Deputy prosecutors in 2007						
Municipal	220	65%	116	35%	336	100%
District	72	48%	78	52%	150	100%
Republic	18	51%	17	49%	35	100%
TOTAL	310	60%	211	40%	521	100%

Table 5:

Supreme court of Serbia employees - 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Legal professions						
President of the Court	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Deputy president	1	50%	1	50%	2	100%
Judges	39	52%	36	48%	75	100%
Sections chiefs	1	33%	2	67%	3	100%
Court Secretary	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Case law section	14	54%	12	46%	26	100%
Civil section	42	79%	11	21%	53	100%
Administrative section	30	83%	6	17%	36	100%
Criminal section	28	56%	22	44%	50	100%
Organized crime section	6	38%	10	62%	16	100%
War crime section	5	56%	4	44%	9	100%
Juvenile section	5	50%	5	50%	10	100%
Military cases section	5	63%	3	37%	8	100%
Clerks	75	89%	9	11%	84	100%
Non-Legal positions	78	73%	29	27%	107	100%

Table 6:

District Courts' employees – 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Legal professions						
President of the Court	5	23%	17	77%	22	100%
Judges	168	56%	133	44%	301	100%
Deputy president	9	41%	13	59%	22	100%
Section chiefs	32	54%	27	46%	59	100%
Court Secretary	10	83%	2	17%	12	100%
Investigation section	9	26%	25	74%	34	100%
First degree criminal section	26	44%	33	56%	59	100%
Appellate criminal section	26	43%	35	57%	61	100%
Juvenile section	15	47%	17	53%	32	100%
Criminal mediation section	29	45%	35	55%	64	100%
First degree civil section	34	79%	9	21%	43	100%
Appellate civil section	99	79%	26	21%	125	100%
Appellate civil labor section	56	78%	16	22%	72	100%
Administrative section	49	83%	10	17%	59	100%
Case law section	21	68%	10	32%	31	100%
Other sections	4	57%	3	43%	7	100%
Jury	404	40%	610	60%	1014	100%
Clerks	100	81%	24	19%	124	100%
Apprentices	47	64%	26	36%	73	100%
Non-Legal positions	608	71%	246	29%	854	100%

Table 7:

Municipal Courts' employees - 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Legal professions						
President of the Court	49	43%	65	57%	114	100%
Judges	1010	66%	513	34%	1523	100%
Deputy presidents	66	57%	53	43%	119	100%
Sections chiefs	73	64%	39	36%	112	100%
Secretary	27	75%	10	25%	37	100%
Criminal section	172	59%	121	41%	293	100%
Investigation section	54	47%	62	53%	116	100%
Litigation section	392	80%	97	20%	489	100%
Hereditary section	73	71%	29	29%	102	100%
Juvenile section	1	50%	1	50%	2	100%
Labor section	125	82%	28	18%	153	100%
Extra-judicial section	75	69%	35	31%	110	100%
Other sections	101	62%	64	38%	165	100%
Jury	1653	41%	2383	59%	4036	100%
Clerks	297	71%	121	29%	418	100%
Apprentices	210	65%	112	35%	322	100%
Non-Legal positions	3621	72%	1383	28%	5004	100%

Table 8:

Commercial Courts' employees - 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Legal professions						
President	7	41%	10	59%	17	100%
Judges	158	70%	68	30%	226	100%
Deputy presidents	12	60%	8	40%	20	100%
Sections chiefs	16	48%	20	52%	36	100%
Court Secretary	9	100%	0	0%	9	100%
Litigation section	30	83%	6	17%	36	100%
Extra-judicial section	23	68%	11	32%	34	100%
Case law section	4	44%	5	56%	9	100%
Bankruptcy section	12	86%	3	24%	15	100%
Other sections	22	76%	7	34%	29	100%
Jury	168	42%	236	58%	404	100%
Clerks	115	76%	36	24%	151	100%
Apprentices	15	62%	9	38%	24	100%
Non-Legal positions	578	80%	142	20%	720	100%

Table 9:

Constitution Court employees - 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Legal professions						
President	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Judges	4	67%	2	33%	6	100%
Court Secretary	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%
Senior advisors	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Advisors	10	71%	4	29%	14	100%
Independent experts	1	50%	1	50%	2	100%
Experts	2	100%	0	0%	2	100%
Non legal positions	11	92%	1	8%	12	100%

Table 10:

Republic Public Prosecutor staff 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total	Total	%	Total
Legal professions						
Public prosecutor	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Deputy Prosecutor	18	51%	17	49%	35	100%
First Deputy	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Prosecutor assistants	1	17%	5	83%	6	100%
Non-legal positions	17	74%	6	26%	23	100%

Table 11:

District Public Prosecutors staff 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total		Total	%
Legal professions						
District public prosecutors	2	9%	21	91%	23	100%
Deputy Prosecutor	72	48%	78	52%	150	100%
First Deputy	7	37%	12	63%	19	100%
Prosecutor assistants	44	80%	12	20%	56	100%
Prosecutor apprentices	12	60%	8	40%	20	100%
Non-legal positions	132	89%	17	11%	149	100%

Table 12:

War Crime Public Prosecutors staff 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total		Total	%
Legal professions						
War crime public prosecutor	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Deputy Prosecutors	0	0%	6	100%	6	100%
First Deputy	0	0%	1	100%	1	100%
Staff	8	51%	7	49%	15	100%
Prosecutor assistants	0	0%	2	100%	2	100%
Secretary	1	100%	0	0%	1	100%

Table 13:

Municipal Public Prosecutors staff 2007	WOMEN		MEN		TOTAL	
	Total	%	Total		Total	%
Legal professions						
Public prosecutor	22	23%	74	77%	96	100%
Deputy Prosecutors	220	65%	116	35%	336	100%
First Deputy	38	52%	35	48%	73	100%
Prosecutor assistants	66	70%	28	30%	94	100%
Prosecutor apprentices	51	75%	17	25%	68	100%
Non-legal positions	341	89%	40	11%	381	100%