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ORGANIZATION & SCHEMES

- Provided by Legal Aid Bureaus of Bars (Civil/Criminal)
- Covers only attorneys fees. (Separate system for legal dues-but finds no application)
- Civil: Eligibility criteria ("financially unable to pay" and "likelihood of success"). Not uniformly applied and no concrete monetary limit.
- Criminal: Mandatory for minors, disabled for those crimes that carry 5 year minimum sentence. Otherwise: on request.
- Scope: No limit by subject matter.
- Legal representation centered.

TYPES OF CRIMINAL CASES:

Field study of criminal courts of Istanbul

Offences, CGPP lawyer

Offense Type	Percentage
Theft	18.2%
Assault	10.2%
Homicide	10.2%
Rape	9.2%
Forgery	8.2%
Fraud	7.2%
Other	28.2%

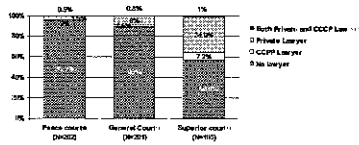
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ACCESS TO CRIMINAL LEGAL AID:

When the system is request driven, access is this low.

Access Status	Percentage
With financial resources or CGPP or private	1%
Without financial resources or CGPP or private	99%

ACCESS BY COURT TYPE



EXPENDITURE

- According to the government, the legal aid budget in 2005 : YTL 10.637.929,10 equaling to € 5.976.364,6. One of the lowest per capita figures among Council of Europe members

TYPE OF LAWYER WORKING

- According to judges-prosecutors: young-inexperienced to get experience, easy way to make money to know more clients
- Half of lawyers cite financial reasons+get trial experience personal satisfaction while the other half did not talk about money but only interest in women's and juvenile issues, provision of services for the people, get experience and handling different types of cases