



Summary

Country	State-Subsidized Legal Aid Scheme	“Loser Pays” Statute	Minimum Legal Fee Schedule	Explicit Prohibition on Free Legal Service, in at Least Some Contexts	Prohibition Against Legal Advertising / Soliciting of Pro bono	Practice Restrictions on Foreign-Qualified Lawyers (Which Limit Pro bono)
Angola	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Argentina	Yes	Yes	No, with certain exceptions	No	No	No
Armenia	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	No	No	No	No, however the foreign Attorneys need to be registered at the Chamber of Advocates to be able to practice attorney activity in Armenia
Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes, however in certain situations a court / registrar may allow a greater or lesser sum	Yes (partial) Prohibition on commercial matters, wills and estates, work injuries, defamation and pay disputes	No	Yes
Austria	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (partial prohibition)	Yes (partial restriction)
Azerbaijan	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes



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Belarus	Yes	Yes, with respect to criminal suspects if the defendant is found guilty	No	No	No	Yes
Belgium	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bolivia	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Brazil	Yes	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	No (provided such free services are only provided to individuals and non-profit legal entities in need)	Yes	Yes (partial restriction)
Bulgaria	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Canada	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Chile	Yes	Yes, with certain limitations based on the judge’s discretion	No	No	Yes	Yes
China	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Colombia	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes



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Costa Rica	Yes	No	Yes, with exceptions	No	No	Yes
Czech Republic	Yes – in all types of court proceedings.	Yes – in civil and administrative court proceedings	No.	No	No	Yes
Denmark	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Dominican Republic	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Ecuador	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
El Salvador	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
England and Wales	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Finland	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
France	Yes	Yes, under certain conditions	No	No	No, but subject to strict rules	No
Georgia	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Germany	Yes	Yes	No, with certain exceptions	No	Yes	No for EU-lawyers; Yes for other foreign lawyers.



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Ghana	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Greece	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guatemala	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Haiti	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Hong Kong	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Hungary	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
India	Yes	No, but courts have discretion to award fees on a case-by-case basis	No	No	Yes	Yes
Indonesia	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Ireland	Yes	Yes	No	No	No (but subject to the rules generally applicable to legal advertising)	Yes
Northern Ireland	Yes	No	No	No	No	No



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Israel	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Italy	Yes (Patrocinio a spese dello stato)	No – decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the court decision	No	No, with certain limitations	Yes	Yes
Japan	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Jordan	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Kenya	No	Yes – costs will usually be awarded to the successful party, but public interest exceptions may apply	Yes	No	No	Yes
Latvia	Yes	Yes	Yes for State-funded legal aid No for pro bono legal assistance	Yes	No	Yes
Liechtenstein	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Luxembourg	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No



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Malaysia	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions
Malta	Yes	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	No	Yes	No, subject to registration with the Bar in Malta
Montenegro	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Morocco	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Netherlands	Yes	Yes, in limited circumstances	No	No	No, but subject to conditions	Yes
New Zealand	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Nicaragua	Yes	No	Yes. The legal fees established in the Code of Judicial Fees and its amendments.	No	No	Yes
Nigeria	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Norway	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Pakistan	Yes (partially)	No	No	No	No	Yes



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Panama	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Paraguay	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Peru	Yes	Yes	Yes, with the exception of pro bono work.	No	No	No
The Philippines	Yes	Yes, in limited circumstances	Yes	No	No	Yes
Poland	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Portugal	Yes	Yes, with conditions	No	No	Yes	No, subject to registration with the Bar Association.
Romania	Yes	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	No	Yes	Yes
Russia	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Saudi Arabia	Yes, although currently unofficial. Formal regime proposed to be implemented	No	No	No	No	Yes
Scotland	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No



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Serbia	No, although legislation in progress	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Singapore	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Slovakia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovenia	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
South Africa	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
South Korea	Yes	Yes, subject to court’s discretion with a view to fairness (according to certain guidelines)	No	No	No	No
Spain	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	No	No	No	No
Sweden	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Switzerland	Yes	Yes	No, although fees are subject to certain restrictions	No	Yes	Yes – foreign lawyers not obligated to accept legal aid postings
Taiwan	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes





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Thailand	Yes	Yes, subject to court’s discretion	No	No	No	Yes
Turkey	Yes	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	Yes, with certain exceptions	Yes	Yes
Uganda	Yes (for capital and life terms only)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Ukraine	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, except in criminal cases
United Arab Emirates	Yes, limited to certain individuals and circumstances	No	No	No	No	Yes (partial restriction)
United States of America	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Uruguay	Yes	No, except in cases of malicious conduct in court	No	No	No	Yes
Venezuela	Yes	Yes, with certain exceptions	No (with respect to pro bono matters)	No	No	Yes
Vietnam	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes