**Information by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine in connection with the preparation of the report by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on normative standards and obligations under international law in relation to the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons**

According to Art. 59 of the Constitution of Ukraine everyone shall have the right to legal assistance. Such assistance shall be rendered free of charge in cases stipulated by law.

The content of the right to free legal aid, the procedure for exercising this right, the grounds and procedure for providing free legal aid, state guarantees for the provision of free legal aid are defined by the Law of Ukraine “On Free Legal Aid” (hereinafter – the Law).

Art. 8 of the Law stipulates that every person under the jurisdiction of Ukraine has the right to free primary legal aid.

Free primary legal aid includes the following types of legal services: provision of legal information, consultations and clarifications on legal issues; preparation of applications, complaints and other documents of a legal nature (except for procedural documents); provision of assistance in ensuring a person's access to secondary legal aid and mediation (Art. 7 of the Law).

According to Art. 13 of the Law free secondary legal aid includes, inter alia, the following types of legal services: protection; representation of the interests of persons entitled to free secondary legal aid in courts, other state bodies, local self-government bodies, in relation to other persons; preparation of procedural documents.

Subjects of the right to free secondary legal aid are determined by Art. 14 of the Law, which, in particular, includes persons under the jurisdiction of Ukraine if their average monthly income does not exceed two subsistence minimums as well as persons with disabilities who receive a pension or allowance in lieu of a pension in the amount not exceeding two subsistence minimums for persons with disabilities.

The table below provides data on the inquiries for free legal aid received from elderly persons in 2021.

**Number of registered inquiries of elderly people (60 years and older) by areas of law for the period from January 1 up to November 30, 2021**

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| **Category of questions by field of law** | **Number of registered client applications for free primary legal aid** | **Number of issued orders for free secondary legal aid** | **Total number of registered customer inquiries** |
| **Women** | **Men** | **Total** | **Women** | **Men** | **Total** | **Women** | **Men** | **Total** |
| Administrative Law | 7563 | 5854 | 13417 | 1789 | 2644 | 4433 | 9352 | 8498 | 17850 |
| Administrative offense | 852 | 1042 | 1894 | 167 | 305 | 472 | 1019 | 1347 | 2366 |
| Execution of court decisions | 5978 | 3602 | 9580 | 249 | 127 | 376 | 6227 | 3729 | 9956 |
| Housing law | 17072 | 7830 | 24902 | 1672 | 664 | 2336 | 18744 | 8494 | 27238 |
| Land law | 9659 | 5702 | 15361 | 385 | 246 | 631 | 10044 | 5948 | 15992 |
| Other questions | 7045 | 4325 | 11370 | 144 | 55 | 199 | 7189 | 4380 | 11569 |
| Criminal Law | 820 | 551 | 1371 | 47 | 40 | 87 | 867 | 591 | 1458 |
| Criminal proceedings | 2613 | 1795 | 4408 | 553 | 446 | 999 | 3166 | 2241 | 5407 |
| Pension law | 10203 | 7944 | 18147 | 253 | 425 | 678 | 10456 | 8369 | 18825 |
| Tax law | 887 | 555 | 1442 | 8 | 15 | 23 | 895 | 570 | 1465 |
| Family law | 5575 | 2408 | 7983 | 824 | 431 | 1255 | 6399 | 2839 | 9238 |
| Social welfare | 6738 | 4659 | 11397 | 145 | 708 | 853 | 6883 | 5367 | 12250 |
| Inheritance law | 15132 | 6097 | 21229 | 734 | 324 | 1058 | 15866 | 6421 | 22287 |
| Labor Law | 2197 | 1608 | 3805 | 119 | 173 | 292 | 2316 | 1781 | 4097 |
| Civil law | 17069 | 8519 | 25588 | 1672 | 991 | 2663 | 18741 | 9510 | 28251 |
| Civil proceedings | 9779 | 5811 | 15590 | 3069 | 1506 | 4575 | 12848 | 7317 | 20165 |
| **Total** | **119182** | **68302** | **187484** | **11830** | **9100** | **20930** | **131012** | **77402** | **208414** |

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