



Civil suits

Domestic affairs lead legal list

47% OF ALL CIVIL SUITS CONCERN FAMILIES

In 2011, local courts handled more than 161,000 legal cases – meaning a lawsuit for one in every 62 people. Moreover, almost half of them were of a domestic nature involving families, according to a fresh report by Ügyvédbróker.hu, a site providing support in finding a lawyer.

Domestic lawsuits have been leading the list of civil suits for about two years now and the website explored what types of legal cases dominated the field of family law in Budapest and various counties in 2011. They gathered data from local court registries (where lawsuits are filed) and from the site's own collection, allowing a peak into the trends of some subcategories.

According to data from the local courts, cases concerning marriage, child support, child custody and guardianship were the most common, representing more than 90%.

This is confirmed by the data of the lawyer-finding site, where most of the searches were related to the topics of child support, custody, contact, divorce and asset sharing.

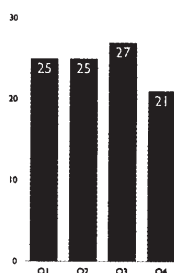
Contrary to the ratios of the more extensive civil suit category, which put the capital, Baranya and Tolna counties in the lead (with lawsuits for every 40th, 54th and 61st person), domestic lawsuits show a different kind of distribution.

Cases regarding guardianship are most frequent in Szabolcs and Vas counties, while Veszprém and Pest counties have far fewer such cases. Married couples are most likely to turn to the courts in Borsod and Heves counties. Child custody cases are initiated most often in Komárom-Esztergom, Tolna and Somogy, while Budapest and Pest, Győr-Moson-Sopron and Hajdú-Bihar counties are at the end of the list. **AJM**

25%

Most people were looking for a lawyer specialized in family law on the website in 2011, followed by real estate, corporate and finances. The last two categories showed growth in the third quarter, when together they reached 25%, up from 13% at the beginning of the year. Intellectual property experts were the least sought last year, representing only 1% of the searches.

Ratio of searches for family law specialists 2011



Ratio of searches for corporate and financial law specialists, 2011

