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HOW DATA PROTECTION RULES
ARE IMPACTING ON CIVIL LITIGATION

Answered by the Association of Judges of North Macedonia

1. Do you store digital data in your jurisdiction?

Yes, digital data is being stored, mainly court files (written and scanned). They are being stored in the ACMIS – automated case management system, on servers accommodated in courts. All final court judgments are stored in a data base and kept on the server located in the Supreme court of North Macedonia.

2. How is it stored and for how long?

There are no specific rules on period of storage, it depends on the storage space, but also “Law on archive material” is applied.

3. Who has access to the digital data in your jurisdiction?

Authorized officials only – judges, court clerks and administration, IT.

4. Are there digital data protection rules in place in your jurisdiction?

Yes, several laws regulate this issue, such as „Law on protection of personal data“, „Law on managing the movement of cases in court proceedings“, „Law of electronic communication“, „Law on electronic documents, electronic evidence and trusted services“ and other.

5. Who covers the costs relating to the storage and protection of the digital data in your jurisdiction?

Court’s budget and the budget of the judiciary (Judicial Budgetary Council).