



## AEQUITAS NEWSLETTER (Nr 7)

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### KSSIP APPLICANTS STILL FIGHTING FOR INCREASE IN THEIR SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

In a petition to the Minister of Justice, Adam Bodnar, one of the judicial trainees points out that the current exam requirements (the qualifying exam fee is PLN 2,000) and the subsequent costs of living during the judicial traineeship exclude many talented law graduates from the opportunity to complete their traineeship for financial reasons.

Currently, the trainee stipend is lower than the minimum wage, which is PLN 4,666 gross in 2025. Furthermore, there is a ban on taking on additional employment or occupation during the judicial traineeship.

The Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) raised the issue of the trainees' financial status several years ago, arguing that this negatively impacts their ability to exercise their right to access public service.

To date, the trainees have unsuccessfully taken a number of steps to increase their stipends. Members of Parliament have also become involved in the matter, submitting an interpellation to the Minister of Justice. The ministry is reporting that the scholarships for KSSIP trainees are social in nature, not equivalent, and are not tied to the minimum wage. Under the current KSSIP Act, there is no mechanism for their indexation.

These trainees' aspirations and their ineffectiveness should be weighed against the subsidies paid by ministries, including from public funds, to certain judges' associations, as we wrote in previous issues of the Newsletter.

<https://www.tokfm.pl/Tokfm/7,189656,32029499,powazny-klopot-przyszlych-sedziow-a-gdzie-nasza-godnosc.html>

### ELECTION PROTESTS IN THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court is still evaluating the electoral protests. Setting aside the emotions and seemingly unwise statements by some politicians, it's important to remember that the Supreme Court is obligated to consider every submitted electoral protest by July 1, 2025. The dates of individual hearings, as well as rulings in previously heard cases, are publicly available on the Supreme Court's website. The Supreme Court will determine whether the presidential election is valid. For the record, we also remind you that the Electoral Code does not provide for a recount procedure.