Family Law

Legal capacity and active capacity in family law



is one's capacity to have civil rights and obligations [art.13 CC]

Legal capacity

- All citizens have equal LC [art.13(1) CC]
- LC begins from one's birth and ends with one's death. [art.13(2) CC]

 Content of LC: to owe any property, inherit, choose place of residence, to have intellectual property etc. [art.14 CC]

Active capacity

citizen's capacity by his own actions to obtain and to exercise his civil rights, to create for himself civil obligations and to fulfill them [art.17 CC]

Active capacity

• Full **AC** begins with attaining one's majority, 18 years. [art.17(1) CC]

Marriage at 16 years old or emancipation
– full AC at 16. [art.17(2) CC]

Marriage at the age of 16 – 18

- Consent of parents (adopters, tutors)
- Permission of the state organ on guardianship and tutorship, granted when there are...
- Significant reasons (pregnancy, military service, long trips etc.)

Emancipation (age 16 – 18)

- Minor works with labor contract/has his/her own business
- Minor is economically independent from his parents/adopters/tutors
- Permission of the state organ on guardianship and tutorship

Results

Marriage under 18:

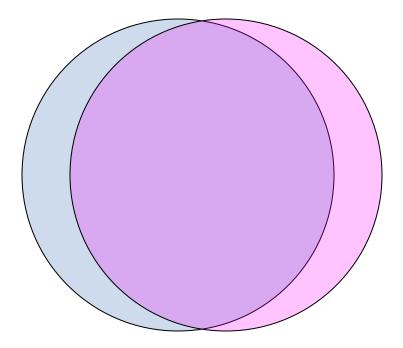
- With the permission of the OGT minor receives full marriage capacity
- In the moment a marriage certificate is signed, minor receives full active capacity

Emancipation:

- As soon as OGT issues a decision on emancipation minor receives full active capacity
- Minor receives marriage capacity at the age of 18

Active capacity vs marriage capacity of minors from 16 - 18 Activ e, ac capa city

Active capacity vs marriage capacity – general view



Active capacity of minors...

- ... of 14 18 years old [art.22 CC]
 - All bargains with the consent of parents, adopters or tutors
 - Dispose own income and objects of their intellectual property, make day-to-day bargains

Active capacity of minors...

...under 14 [art. 23 CC]

- For them all the bargains are made by parents, adopters and guardians
- Simple day-to-day bargains correspondent to their age

Limitation of active capacity

Why:

alcoholic or drug addiction which puts one's family in difficult financial situation [art.27 CC]

Ceasing of active capacity

Why:

mental decease due to which a person does not realize own actions [art. 26 CC]

Marriage capacity

- A capacity to enter into marriage.
- Starts with 18
- Ends with one's death

Limitation/ceasing of marriage capacity

- Age (non below 18 (16))
- Close relatives
- Mental illness which had resulted in ceasing of active capacity

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Marriage capacity is not to be confused with

- Family legal capacity
- Family active capacity

To be continued...