

# **CORONERS' COURT**

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# WHO ARE THE CORONERS?

- **CORONER IS AN OFFICIAL IN SOME COUNTRIES OF THE ANGLO-SAXON LEGAL PROFESSION. THE TASK OF THE CORONER IS TO ESTABLISH THE CAUSE OF DEATH IF THERE ARE SUSPICIONS OF ITS VIOLENT NATURE OR SUICIDE.**



# HISTORY OF CORONERS



**King Richard the First Lionheart**

- **THE SERVICE WAS FOUNDED IN 1194 TO SUPPORT THE MONARCH'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS. LITERALLY MEANS: "REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE CROWN"**
- **THE OFFICE OF THE CORONER'S OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED BY LEX SCRIPTA IN ENGLAND BY RICHARD I. IN SEPTEMBER 1194, ARTICLE 20 OF THE ARTICLES OF EYRE DECREED TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF CUSTOS PLACITORUM CORONAE (LATIN FOR KE PLEAS OF THE CROWN); FROM WHICH THE WORD CORONER DEPARTS ". THIS ROLE WAS ASSIGNED TO A LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICIAL WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO PROTECT THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE CROWN IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.**

# CORONERS IN THE UK

- **IN SOME COUNTRIES, THE CORONER MAY DECIDE ON HIS OWN. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE UK, THE CORONER MAY REFER ALL CASE FILES TO THE CORONER'S COURT, WHICH HEARS WITNESSES AND EXPERTS; THEN THE JURY MAKES A VERDICT. THE CORONER'S COURT DECIDES ONLY ONE QUESTION - WHETHER THE DEATH CAN BE CONSIDERED A VIOLENT ONE. IF SO, THE CASE GETS FURTHER PROGRESS AND IS CONSIDERED IN A TRADITIONAL COURT.**



# WHY NOT FORENSIC EXPERTS?



- **THE MEDICAL EXAMINER AND THE CORONER ARE NOT SYNONYMOUS TERMS. A FORENSIC PHYSICIAN IS A DOCTOR WHO HAS UNDERGONE SPECIAL TRAINING AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE. CORONERS ARE GENERALLY ELECTED BY THE COMMUNITY, OFTEN FROM AMONG THE LAW COMMUNITY. THEIR TRAINING IS A VERY RELATIVE CONCEPT, RATHER SUPERFICIAL. THE CORONARY SERVICE EXISTS IN PARALLEL WITH THE FORENSIC MEDICAL SERVICE, SINCE THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL FORENSIC PHYSICIAN ARE QUITE EXPENSIVE AND NOT EVERY MEDICAL UNIVERSITY PREPARES FORENSIC EXPERTS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

# CORONERS IN RUSSIA



- **THERE IS NO ANALOGUE OF THE CORONER'S SERVICE IN RUSSIA. THE TASKS PERFORMED BY THE CORONER ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN FORENSIC, PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL. THE CLOSEST TO THE CORONER'S SERVICE IS THE FORENSIC DIVISIONS OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH, BASED ON THE RESULTS OF AN INSPECTION OF THE SCENE AND A PRELIMINARY CHECK ON THE FACT OF DEATH, CONCLUDE ABOUT ITS CAUSES.**