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# The Prosecutor's Office

«Society prepares the crime,  
the criminal commits it»  
Buckle

- ⦿ Supervision on observing the law is carried out by the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation. It forms a single, centralized, hierarchical system, public (the lower) prosecutors obeying the higher ones and the Prosecutor General of Russia. The Prosecutor General of Russia is appointed and dismissed by the Federation Council upon a proposal of the President.



- ◎ The Prosecutor's Office is the state body that is established to exercise supervisory power over the strict observance and application of law by all ministries, organizations, officials and citizens of the state.



- ① The prosecutor has the right and it is his duty to appeal against all decisions and actions of state bodies and officials which he considers to be unlawful. Every citizen has the right to complain to the prosecutor concerning any violation of the law. When a breach of law contains elements of a crime, it is the duty of the prosecutor to bring the guilty person to trial.



- The Prosecutor's Office supervises the investigation of cases conducted by the police, and other law-enforcement bodies and sees to it that all of them act within the law. Many functions of the Prosecutor's Office were transferred to the Investigative Committee.
- Nowadays it is the duty of the investigating bodies to institute and investigate criminal cases, to ascertain the circumstances under which crimes were committed, to collect evidence against the criminals and their accomplices.



- ⦿ During the hearing of cases the prosecutor conducts the prosecution before the court in the name of the state. It is his duty to prove the charges against the accused and to propose the penalty to be imposed on the guilty person. If he is of the opinion that the accused is not guilty, it is his duty to withdraw the charge.
- ⦿ The prosecutor has the right to lodge protests against the sentences and decisions of the courts which he finds illegal.
- ⦿ So, it may be said that the Prosecutor's Office protects legality, law and order.



A breach of law	['bri:tʃ]	нарушение закона
To bring somebody to trial	['trɪəl]	предать кого-то суду
circumstances	['sɜ:kəmstənsɪz]	обстоятельства
Concerning	['kən'sə:nɪŋ]	относительно
To conduct	['kən'dʌkt]	проводить, осуществлять
To contain	['kən'teɪn]	содержать
To ensure	['ɪnʃʊ:]	обеспечивать
Evidence	['eɪvɪd(ə)ns]	доказательства
Execution	['eksɪ'kju:ʃn]	исполнение
To exercise	['eksəsaɪz]	осуществлять
To find illegal	['ɪ'li:g(ə)l]	считать незаконным
To impose a penalty	['penəlti]	наложить наказание
To institute	['ɪnstɪtju:t]	возбуждать (дело)
To lodge a protest	['prəʊtest]	заявлять протест, опротестовывать
to lodge an appeal against, to appeal against	['lɒdʒ ən ə'pi:l]	подавать апелляционную жалобу против, обжаловать

To propose	[prə 'pəʊz]	предлагать
Prosecution	['prɒsɪkjʊ:ʃn]	Судебное преследование
A prosecutor	['prɒsɪkjʊ:tə]	Прокурор
Prosecutor's Office	['prɒsɪkjʊ:təz 'ɒfɪs ]	Прокуратура
To prove a charge	[pru:v ə tʃɑ:dʒ]	Поддерживать обвинение
To see to it that		Следить за тем, чтобы
Supervision	[,su:pə'vɪzn]	
Supervisory power	[su:pə'vaɪzəri 'paʊə]	Надзор
To withdraw a charge	[wɪð'drɔ:]	Снять обвинения
Within the law	[wɪð'in]	В рамках закона
An official	[ə'fɪʃ(ə)l]	Должностное лицо



Supervisor	[ 'su:pəvli:zə ]	руководитель, инспектор
To observe	[ əb'zɜ:v ]	соблюдать
Single	[ 'sɪŋg(ə)l ]	единый, один
Hierarchical	[ hɪə'rɑ:kɪk(ə)l ]	иерархический
Higher	[ 'hɪə ]	вышестоящий
Strict observance	[ 'strikt əb'zə:v(ə)ns ]	строгое соблюдение
Application of law	[ ɒplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n ]	Применение закона
Duty	[ 'dju:ti ]	обязанность
To appeal against	[ ə'pi:l ə'geɪnst ]	протестовать против, опротестовать
Unlawful	[ ʌn'lɔ:fl ]	незаконный, противоправный
To complain	[ kəm'pleɪn ]	Подавать жалобу/апелляцию, обжаловать
Violation	[ vɪə'leɪʃn ]	нарушение

the guilty	['gɪltɪ]	ВИНОВНЫЙ
an official	[ə'fɪʃl]	Должностное лицо
Trial	['trɪəl]	судебный процесс
case	['keɪs]	дело
To ascertain	[,asə'teɪn]	устанавливать, выяснять
Accomplice	[ə'kɒmplɪs]	сообщник, соучастник
Hearing	['hɪərɪŋ]	слушание
to charge	[tʃɑ:dʒ]	обвинять, выдвигать обвинение
the accused	[ə'kju:zd]	обвиняемый
sentence	['sɛnt(ə)ns]	приговор
decision	[dɪ'sɪʒ(ə)n]	решение
upon a proposal of the President		по представлению Президента

## Exercise 1

### **Answer the questions.**

1. What is the main duty of the office of the Prosecutor General of the RF?
2. Whom is the Prosecutor General appointed and dismissed by?
3. What does the Prosecutor's Office exercise?
4. Who has the right to appeal against all decisions and actions of the state bodies?
5. When can the Prosecutor bring the guilty person to trial?

6. Does the prosecutor supervise the investigation of cases conducted by police and other law enforcement bodies?
7. Who conducts the prosecution before the court in the name of the state?
8. Who proves the charge against the accused?
9. Whose duty is to propose the penalty to be imposed on a guilty person?
10. Is it Prosecutor's duty to withdraw the charge?
11. Who has the right to complain to the Prosecutor concerning any violation of the law?
12. Who has the right to lodge protests against the sentences and decisions of the courts which he finds illegal?
13. What does the Prosecutor's Office protect?

## Exercise 2

**Finish the sentences using the facts from the text.**

- ① 1. The Prosecutor's Office is the state body that exercises...
- ② 2. The Prosecutor has the right to appeal ...
- ③ 3. The Prosecutor supervises...
- ④ 4. The Prosecutor's duties are ...
- ⑤ 5. The investigating bodies institute and investigate...
- ⑥ 6. During the hearing of cases the Prosecutor ...
- ⑦ 7. The Prosecutor can lodge ...
- ⑧ 8. The Prosecutor's Office protects ...
- ⑨ 9. Every citizen has the right ...

## Exercise 3

Word check. Word families: find words in the text which are in the same family as these words, fill in the gaps if it is possible.

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE	NOUN (-ion)
<b>A law</b>			
	<b>To violate</b>		
			<b>investigation</b>
	<b>To supervise</b>		
<b>An act</b>			
	<b>To decide</b>		
<b>A crime</b>			
	<b>To try</b>		
	<b>To prosecute</b>		
		<b>powerful</b>	
<b>A judge</b>			
	<b>To charge</b>		

## Exercise 4

Match English words and phrases with their Russian equivalents.

a) supervisory power	1) следственный орган
b) an official	2) преступник
c) a guilty person	3) правоохранительные органы
d) law-enforcement bodies	4) надзор
e) a criminal	5) должностное лицо
f) an investigating body	6) виновное лицо
g) the penalty to be imposed	7) наказание, которое должно быть назначено
h) to lodge a protest	8) заявлять протест

# Exercise 5

*Read the article from the Constitution of the Russian Federation.*

## Article 129

3. Public prosecutors of constituent entities of the Russian Federation shall be appointed by the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation by agreement with the constituent entities.
4. Other public prosecutors shall be appointed by the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation.
5. The powers, organization and procedure for the activities of the office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation shall be determined by federal law.



## Exercise 6

*Read the article from the Constitution of the Russian Federation (see ex.5).  
Choose A, B, C or D to answer the following question:*

**What is the procedure of appointment of Public prosecutors of constituent entities of the Russian Federation?**

- A. Public prosecutors of constituent entities of the Russian Federation shall be appointed by the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation.
- B. Public prosecutors of constituent entities of the Russian Federation shall be appointed by agreement with the constituent entities.
- C. Public prosecutors of constituent entities of the Russian Federation shall be appointed by the President.
- D. Public prosecutors of constituent entities of the Russian Federation shall be appointed by the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation by agreement with the constituent entities.

## Exercise 7

*Study the model. Translate the sentences into English and begin with the phrase in the model*

**It is the citizens' right to...**

**It is the prosecutor's right to...**

**It is the prosecutor's duty to...**

**It is the investigator's duty to...**

... обратиться к прокурору с жалобой относительно нарушения закона.

... обжаловать действия и решения государственных органов и должностных лиц, которые он считает незаконными.

...осуществлять надзор за расследованием уголовных дел.

...устанавливать обстоятельства, при которых было совершено преступление.

...сбирать доказательства против преступников и их соучастников

... поддерживать обвинение

...снимать обвинение

...подавать жалобу в вышестоящие инстанции против решений и приговоров суда, если он считает их незаконными

...выносить предложения о наложении наказания

...осуществлять надзор за строгим соблюдением закона

организациями, министерствами и ведомствами, должностными

# Exercise 9

## Talking point and writing

- Speak on the rights and duties of the Prosecutor General.