

## Limitation of criminal prosecution and execution of sentence

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### Abstract

The institute of statute of limitations is one of the most important in criminal law, which provides for the termination of criminal prosecution, sentences and their non-execution, after a certain period of time, either from the time of committing a criminal offense (statute of limitations) of criminal prosecution) either from the time of the decision of the final form of the sentence and its non-execution (statute of limitations for the execution of the sentence). Like any other criminal legislation, the criminal legislation of Albania has paid attention to this institute.

The Criminal Code of the Republic of Albania, in its article 66 has provided that criminal prosecutions can not be carried out when from the commission of the criminal offense until the moment of taking the person as a defendant, some certain deadlines have passed.

In this paper we will present the importance of the statute of limitations, as well as the analysis of concrete cases of its implementation in court practice.

The methodology used in this paper is the legal analysis of statute of limitations, focused on the practical analysis of court decisions on the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution and statute of limitations for the execution of the sentence.

**Keywords:** statute of limitations, criminal prosecution, criminal code, execution, criminal proceedings, court.

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