Court Assistance: An Overview

Information for those accused and convicted

Baden-Württemberg
Bewährungs- und Gerichtshilfe

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- **Have you been accused of a criminal offence?**
- **Have preliminary proceedings been initiated against you?**
- **Have you received an indictment?**
- **Are you unable to pay a fine?**
- **Do you have to fulfil a court order or instruction?**

Criminal law stipulates that your circumstances must be taken into account at all times during criminal proceedings. For this reason, court assistance can be commissioned to report on your personality, your development and your life situation and, if necessary, to comment on suitable measures. The clients are the public prosecutor‘s office or the court, which are supported in their decision-making by the court assistance report.

The created report becomes part of the criminal file and can be included in the main hearing. We can also inform you about help and counselling services and victim-offender mediation. Cooperation with the court assistance is voluntary for you and you will not be penalised for refusing.

The legal basis for court assistance can be found in Section 160 III and Section 463d of the Code of Criminal Procedure (StPO) and Section 16 III of the Baden-Württemberg Clemency Code (GnO).

About us

The Bewährungs- und Gerichtshilfe Baden-Württemberg (BGBW) is a state-run institution under public law. The BGBW's tasks comprise probation assistance, court assistance and victim-offender mediation. It has its headquarters in Stuttgart. There are nine facilities across the state, as well as other outposts and communication stations. This ensures that clients receive support close to home.

What we build on

Our actions are based on treating all clients with respect. We believe in resocialising those who have committed a crime and giving them the responsibility and opportunity to lead a crime-free life.

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