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The Institute of Free Secondary Legal Aid is one of the indicators of a democratic, legal, social state. Authoritative international organizations and basic legal acts emphasize that free legal aid is not an act of mercy but a duty of the state. In addition to guaranteeing access to the institution of free secondary legal aid, the state should ensure its quality. This requires a mechanism for monitoring the quality of providing legal aid free of charge and a methodology for assessing such assistance.

The article states that the quality of providing secondary legal aid free of charge is a combination of modern legal knowledge and skills of working with the client. Under the standard of quality of provision of free secondary legal aid, it is proposed to understand the legal regulation of the system of requirements to the content, procedure and conditions for the provision of free secondary legal aid in the interests of its recipient (client). It was established that the state, ensuring the access of citizens to the institute of free legal aid (both primary and secondary), should ensure an appropriate level of its quality, which is an indicator of the implementation of free legal aid centers by the centers for the fulfillment of state functions in this area and the purposeful use of the state budget funds, at the expense of which funding is provided for the provision of such assistance. The mechanism for monitoring the quality of the provision of free secondary legal aid by lawyers is dual in nature and the assessment of the quality of the provision by lawyers of free secondary legal aid is carried out in accordance with the Standards of the Commission established for this purpose by the councils of the lawyers of the regions, at the request of the respective centers in accordance with the established procedure. The monitoring of the quality of the provision of free secondary legal aid by lawyers is provided by the Legal Aid Coordination Center and the regional centers.

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