

PRESENTATION

THE FATE OF ESTONIAN JUDGES, PROSECUTORS AND ADVOCATES DURING 1940-1945

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In June 1940, there were 167 judges, 24 prosecutors, and around 490 Bar members in Estonia. Soviet arrests started immediately after occupation and culminated with the mass deportation in June 1941. Vast majority of the arrested and deported lawyers died in GULAG. The presentation will discuss what happened to the lawyers who stayed in Estonia during the Nazi German occupation and after the Soviets returned in 1944: some were arrested by the occupying forces, many escaped to the West and lived in exile, very few remained in Soviet Estonia and were not repressed.



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