

Land Consolidation organized in a special Court Experiences from Norway

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Abstract

In Norway land consolidation is carried out by a permanent public institution, entirely within the framework of the judicial system. The institution is called *The Land Consolidation Service* and has 250 employees. The jurisdiction is divided into 34 land consolidation court districts and 5 land consolidation court of appeal districts. As far as we know, Norway is the only European country that has organized its land consolidation process completely within the framework of its judicial system. In short; the land consolidation court follows a normal court procedure in all kinds of decisions, even in matters like valuation and physical planning. This procedure is well known and generally accepted. The jurisdiction covers: Land consolidation in rural areas, boundary disputes both in urban and rural areas, valuation in connection with expropriation and exchange of properties in rural areas, contractual appraisement (valuation court), and appraisement for private roads, fences and easements (valuation court).

