

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Law

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: YNMPm700		Name: Lawyer in Practice	
Cover: Department of International Law and European Law			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: WT
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 0/2 For term of study: ZS 46/,24			Study grade: Master
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
2.year WT	Law (YDŠMgr-PR) Law (YEŠMgr-PR-23)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: The oral exam consists of (i) presenting to the student the chosen topic (in agreement with the teacher, according to the real interest of the student - usually a specific court decision) in a manner and to the extent that corresponds to the standards with which the student had the opportunity to become acquainted with the topic during this course; and subsequently of (ii) the questions that the teacher asks the student to defend their views. Evaluation: A: 100%-91%, B: 90%-81%, C: 80%-71%, D: 70%-66%, E: 65%-60%, FX: 59%-0%. Finished: By exam.			
Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student will acquire knowledge and skills that are necessary for the purposes of admission and subsequent work in a law firm, from the perspective of the student (legal assistant), law clerk, and lawyer. The student is able to describe and explain the content of the real activities of law firms and define the specific position of its members, as unbiased knowledge about the expectations of potential employers in the field of advocacy (indirectly expectations of their clients) to its members are (i) the basis for success of the job applicant in advocacy in a competition and at the same time (ii) they will provide a significant comparative advantage over competitors at the start of an advocacy practice. Thanks to the acquisition of knowledge and skills, the graduate becomes more competitive on the advocacy market and should excel among a number of average applicants for a job in advocacy in Slovakia. This course has a practical focus. The content of teaching is therefore adapted to the needs of students who have decided to study this subject in a given semester. The teacher adapts the topics and the discussion about them so that the student perceives the real shift they have made on their way to advocacy thanks to the course "Lawyer in Practice".			
Schedule of subject: 1. General information about advocacy: introduction to the profession of lawyer. "Guild" profession vs. form of business. 2. Law office: its definition in terms of Slovak and EU legislation, its specifics as a business entity. 3. Members of the law firm: position of student, law clerk, lawyer, partner of the law firm. Personal prerequisites for working in a law firm. 4. Specific skills required of a student and a trainee lawyer in a law firm. 5. Specific skills required of a lawyer and a law firm partner. 6. How to prepare for a possible career in advocacy in college? Skills that can be developed already in university. How does one identify his or her strengths for advocacy purposes? 7. Graduate skills needed to excel among numerous average applicants for a job in advocacy in Slovakia. The most common mistakes of job seekers. Negotiation rules and tips for a successful job interview. 8. Successful start in advocacy: basic principles for the first months of graduate work in a law firm. 9. Processing of basic documents and rules of presentation. 10. Specialization in advocacy: the importance of specialization, how to find and develop it. 11. Law firm and business: how does a law firm do business? Salaries, costs, profit sharing, etc. 12. Setting up processes and corporate culture, ethics in a law firm. How to participate in this process and how to identify existing processes and corporate culture if they are not identified "on paper"?			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: KOVÁŘOVÁ, D. Advokát a jeho klient. 1st ed. Praha: Wolters Kluwer, 2021. 255 p. ISBN 978-80-7676-105-6. VUČKA, J. Právní psaní. 1st ed. Praha: C.H. Beck, 2019. 168 p. ISBN 978-80-7400-761-3. Specific documents needed for the lessons will be provided to students in the e-learning system Moodle.			
Language requirements: Slovak			
Notes: Student's workload: 75 hours Combined study (lectures, seminars, consultations): 24 hours Study for seminars, final evaluation and study of documents in Moodle (individual study): 31 hours Case study preparation: 20 hours			

Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 27					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
93%	4%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Lecturers: JUDr. Marek Šmid, LL.M., examiner, instructor					
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