

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

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: YNUPm610		Name: Ethical Dilemmas in the Legal Professions	
Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law			
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise		Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: ST
Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/0 For term of study: LS 60/,24			Study grade: Master
Method of educational activity: Combined			
Recommended semester	Study programme		
1.year ST	Law (YDŠMgr-PR)		
Underlie subjects:			
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment Continuous evaluation: Ongoing evaluation: elaboration of an essay and two case studies during the semester, in which the students demonstrate the ability to identify standards for solving the dilemma and to design and justify the solution itself. Classification scale: A = 100-96%; B = 95-90%; C = 89-80%; D = 79-70%; E = 69-60%, FX = 59-0%. Final evaluation: Completion by a continuing assessment Finished: By ongoing evaluation.			
Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student is able to identify ethical dilemmas that occur in the exercise of legal professions and independently seek solutions to these dilemmas, which a lawyer encounters in various legal professions (conflict of interest lawyer, collegiality of lawyers, relations among judges, and the relation between public and a judge, problems related to the advent of modern technology). The student knows the codes of ethics of various legal professions, both in the Slovak Republic and at the international level. S/he has knowledge of the most important decisions of disciplinary senates in relation to violations of ethical standards of legal professions. S/he is able to ask relevant questions and formulate answers in connection with the solution of a particular dilemma, or to determine the sequence of argumentation steps that lead to the solution of a particular dilemma.			
Schedule of subject: 1. Introduction to the issue of ethics. 2. The relationship between law and morality. 3. Ethical dilemmas of lawyers I. 4. Ethical dilemmas of lawyers II. 5. Ethical dilemmas of a judge I. 6. Ethical dilemmas of a judge II. 7. Ethical dilemmas of a prosecutor I. 8. Ethical dilemmas of a prosecutor II. 9. Ethical dilemmas of the profession of notary, executor, civil servant, academic. 10. Modern technologies and their overlapping effect into the issue of ethics of legal professions. 11. The international aspect of the ethics of legal professions in a globalized society. 12. Communication of the results of the ongoing evaluation.			
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: HAPLA, M. - FRIEDEL, T. Profesní etika právníků. Brno: Nugis Finem Publishing, 2022. Other recommended literature: MOLITERNO, J. E. - PATON, P. D. Globální problémy profesní etiky právníků. Wolters Kluwer, 2017. SOBEK, T. et al. Právní etika. Praha: Leges, 2019. KRSKOVÁ, A. Etické desatoro začínajúceho advokáta (Vademecum profesijnej etiky). Bratislava: Iura Edition, 2008. ČAPUTOVÁ, Z. Profesijná etika sudcov v etických kódexoch, judikatúre a stanoviskách etických poradných komisií. Via Iuris, 2012. KOVÁČECHOVÁ, E. - ČAPUTOVÁ, Z. Vybrané aspekty disciplinárneho súdnictva. Via Iuris, 2011.			
Language requirements: Slovak			
Notes: Student's workload: 75 hours Combined study (Seminars, Consultations): 24 hours Study for seminars and study of documents in Moodle (individual study): 36 hours Case study preparation: 15 hours			

Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 54					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
48%	9%	6%	9%	2%	26%
Lecturers: Mgr. Lucia Berdisová, PhD., LL.M., lecturer, examiner					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
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