PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ETHICS

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Abstract

Prosecution is one of the criminal justice authorities. The prosecution authorities have several features, which are defined in Constitution and laws, putting this organ in distinct a position from other organs.

The paper tries to clarify the constitutional position of the prosecution in state institutional structure as well as constitutional and legal powers of this body.

We must be aware that behind the debate on the professional ethics of the prosecutors hides a debate on the constitutional model of the Prosecution, the position and the functions that should develop within the rule of law. For this, the prosecutor's ethical values intersect, in our democratic societies, with the principles of constitutionality, legality, impartiality and objectivity.

Trainings on issues of professional obligations and ethical duties, is presented as an important factor in limiting the levels of corruption within the administration of justice. Meanwhile, a solid ethical training of prosecutors acts as a powerful antidote in front of corruption and attempts to instrumentalise the Prosecution policy.

In the paper, after the scope of the rules on ethics and conduct of prosecutors, an important place is given to the fundamental principles governing the prosecutor during his exercise of duties. These principles are numerous and distinct. They serve as a basis for the work of the prosecutor. Also, for a moment, in the paper we will treat the way the conflicts of interest are treated and the external activities permitted for a prosecutor.

The paper also addresses the institutional and inter-institutional relations of the prosecution and the basic principles of this cooperation. In particular, we will stop at the prosecutor's relations with colleagues, subordinates, judges, civil servants, institutions and organizations as well as with the subjects of a criminal proceeding.

In the final, this paper treats even in the context of constitutional decisions what would we understand with serious violations of the law, with actions that discredit the image of the prosecutor as well as which are the concrete actions that constitute a violation of the norms of prosecutor's ethics.

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