

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>Academic year:</b> 2023/2024	
<b>University:</b> Comenius University Bratislava	
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Law	
<b>Course ID:</b> PraF.KTPFP/EnM17-3011/17	<b>Course title:</b> Legal Ethics
<b>Educational activities:</b> <b>Type of activities:</b> seminar <b>Number of hours:</b> <b>per week: 3 per level/semester: 42</b> <b>Form of the course:</b> on-site learning	
<b>Number of credits:</b> 3	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> 4.	
<b>Educational level:</b> II.	
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	
<b>Course requirements:</b> On-going evaluation: 50 % (on-going evaluation based on the activities on seminars, case studies and legal analyses) Final examination: 50 % (oral examination composed of case studies and oral discussion on cases) Classification scale: A/1 = 91 – 100 %; B/1,5 = 81 – 90 %; C/2 = 73 – 80 %; D/2,5 = 66 – 72 %; E/3 = 60 – 65 %; FX = 0 – 59 %. Students are allowed to use all accessible sources of legal information, mainly non-commentary laws, commentaries, case law, legal literature and legal information systems.	
<b>Learning outcomes:</b> Acquiring of professional and practical knowledge of legal ethics and ethical relationships of various legal professions. The course consists of practical real and hypothetical cases, comparative analyzes of codes of ethics in different countries, international regulation and the theory of legal ethics. The course clarifies ethical principles of various legal professions (conflict of interest, duty of secrecy, lawyer-to-lawyer or judge-to-judge, judge and public, prosecutor and the public relationships). Students adopt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• an overview of how selected ethical dilemmas were resolved in practice by relevant disciplinary boards or ethics committees in the Slovak Republic and abroad;</li><li>• a space for comparing their own proposals of solutions;</li><li>• an overview into the wider context of ethical rules with the rule of law.</li></ul> Upon completion of the course, students will understand ethical regulation and gain practical skills to identify ethical problems that they may encounter in legal practice, as well as to formulate their own solutions, thus making them more prepared to professional practice.	
<b>Class syllabus:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Basics of legal ethics</li><li>2. Justice, ethics and law I</li><li>3. Justice, ethics and law II</li><li>4. Models and ethical norms I</li><li>5. Models and ethical norms II</li></ol>	

6. Ethics and professionalism of legal professions, professional responsibility and standards – attorneys I
7. Ethics and professionalism of legal professions, professional responsibility and standards – attorneys II
8. Ethics and professionalism of legal professions, professional responsibility and standards – prosecutors and judges I
9. Ethics and professionalism of legal professions, professional responsibility and standards – prosecutors and judges II
10. Ethics and professionalism of legal professions, professional responsibility and standards – other professions
11. Professional duties, professional conduct and rules I
12. Professional duties, professional conduct and rules II
13. Relationship client - lawyer I
14. Relationship client - lawyer II

**Recommended literature:**

MOLITERNO, J. E.: Slovak Comparative Ethics Course Material, 2015  
 KRONMAN, A. T.: The Lost Lawyer. Harvard Univ. Press, 1995  
 O'DAIR, R.: Legal Ethics. Cambridge Univ. Press, 2000  
 BIESEN, Ph. van den: Building on Basic Principles. Leiden: Stichting, 2011

**Languages necessary to complete the course:**

English

**Notes:**

**Past grade distribution**

Total number of evaluated students: 29

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
58,62	0,0	37,93	0,0	3,45	0,0	0,0

**Lecturers:** prof. Mgr. Ľubomír Batka, Dr. theol., doc. JUDr. Branislav Fábry, PhD.

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**Approved by:**