

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING ENGLISH FOR LAWYERS

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A lawyer is a person with a law degree who deals with legal matters. He or she may work for state-owned companies or private firms.

The profession covers a wide range of activities. All fields are united by knowledge of laws and legal norms. A lawyer has a thorough knowledge of the legal framework and gathers evidence on the basis of which he or she later makes decisions.

However, a lawyer also needs a good knowledge of a foreign language, English in most cases. When studying law in higher education, you will have encountered Latin, the basis of the professional language as well as the progenitor of English. With understanding and knowledge of the latter, learning the former will be much easier, and certain terms will not cause any confusion in any way.

Vocational guidance requires student's career orientation to be taken into account at all stages of study and provide that:

- a) the learning process is shaped by the student's existing level of learning;
- b) the choice of the type and mode of information acquisition is made individually;
- c) the student's linguistic and professional learning is distinguished, linguistic knowledge proper is not prioritised [2].

The legal services market has recently seen increased competition and more and more companies put forward knowledge of English as a basic requirement for candidates.

A lawyer working with documents in a foreign language needs to have a good understanding of what he or she is doing.

Further, one of the next opportunities gained through English is the possibility of taking part in various international "competitions": participation in moot courts and the like, which will serve you as an invaluable experience.

This point will be especially relevant to all lawyers wishing to acquire the skills to work in the field of mediation, arbitration. These branches, in general, originated in the countries of the Anglo-Saxon system - Continental Legal System, and already play a leading role in conflict resolution; primarily of civil and entrepreneurial nature.

Among other things, participation in various international symposiums, conferences and other gatherings of a similar format can only result in a qualitative improvement of one's own capabilities.

Professionals who know their business and have a good command of a foreign language always have the opportunity to earn extra income by translating specific legal texts.

But beyond all of the above, learning English helps law students develop their emotional intelligence.

The notion of emotional intelligence in general is a consequence of the formation of general ideas about social intelligence. The main reason for identifying emotional

intelligence as a separate ability or trait or trait was the frequent mismatch between the level of general intelligence and the success of of personality in interaction with the social environment [1].

Developing the emotional intelligence of law students in English classes requires the development of so-called "emotional literacy", which is found in the ability to express their emotions in English.

Emotional intelligence combines an individual's ability to communicate effectively by understanding the emotions of others and the ability to regulate own emotions and the ability to influence the emotional state of a communication partner. The capacity for self-regulation and the ability to constructively structure communication with any partner is an occupationally important quality for all assisting professions, but above all for the professional activity of lawyer [1].

In addition to specialist vocabulary, the professional foreign language for a lawyer must include conversational skills. They are useful when negotiating with foreign counterparties; for defending your company's interests in various courts, including international courts; and for communicating with foreign colleagues.

To summarise the above, learning English for a lawyer is as important a process as learning the law itself. A lawyer who speaks two or more foreign languages, including English, is bound to be more sought after and better paid. Students should understand the importance of knowing a foreign language in modern law and in principle in today's world and assiduously master this skill.

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