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WHY SHOULD LAWYERS TO LEARN ENGLISH?

A lawyer is a kind of profession which refers to different sides of social life. Everything which belongs to law regulations is the field of a lawyer. A lot of specialists in the sphere of jurisprudence nowadays ask themselves a question: "Is English essential for lawyers?" You may answer "No" if you are going to work in public authorities. Nevertheless, even there you can need the knowledge of English. If you are going to have a private practice, the knowledge of English will be necessary for you.

In the legal services market there has recently been a tightening of competition and all applicants need to know English as

the main demand to work in any big law firm. But good knowledge of basic English doesn't guarantee you the understanding of all judicial terminology and peculiarities in this language. So, the most important thing which a lawyer needs is realizing of all details in this profession not only in Ukrainian, but in English as well.

The fluent knowledge of English is the demand without a lawyer can't build a successful career. For example, in most law firms a lawyer simply won't be able to work without a good knowledge of English, as most projects are connected with belong to foreign companies.

A lawyer who works with documents in a foreign language should have a full acknowledge of what he's doing. Is it possible to tell how big the value of the mistake could be? For the company where you are employed it could be turned into the loss of reputation, huge fines, missing of financial benefits and a lot of other unpleasant consequences and effects.

To be a good lawyer you should know special legal terminology, have developed reading and spoken skills which in future will help you in negotiations, representing the company's interests in courts (including international ones), reading professional literature and communicating with foreign colleagues.

A lawyer should realize how difficult and, at the same time interesting the profession is, should know of its influence and its role in the public relations. Each lawyer should determine which main features, qualities and skills he should develop in himself to become a real professional.

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