

**SUMMARY**

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The uneasy situation in pre-trial investigation of crimes and judicial review of criminal proceedings cause increased attention of law enforcement officers, the court, prosecutor's office, advocacy and other structures to the use of forensic expertise. At the same time, one cannot forget that the subject of expert research, which is responsible for the results of professional forensic expertise, is the forensic expert who must meet the requirements of professional ethics, honestly and conscientiously perform his duties, take measures to preserve his/her honor and dignity.

The purpose of the work is to analyse the components that are responsible for the ethical behaviour of the court expert and to formulate on these components the code of conduct of the court expert.

The questions of expert ethics were studied by many scientists who observed, it defines the norms of behaviour, forms the morale of the persons involved in the legal proceedings, and should become their usual internal need, and not only an external form of behaviour. It is stated that judicial expert should be clearly expressed moral qualities, among which to highlight such as: objectivity and impartiality; adherence to principles; self-criticism; virtue; scientific decency; correctness of behaviour during performance of their procedural and official duties; Respect for the current legislation. It is noted that expert ethics should accompany the process of expert interaction with each other during commissions and complex examinations, as well as with the heads of expert institutions. Among all the moral qualities outlined above, the expert identified the most significant moral standards - a responsible attitude to his official duty and his professional duties. Separately, it is highlighted that, despite the constant interest of the scholars in expert ethics, the moral and ethical qualities of the forensic expert have not been documented. Most often these were attempts to develop a professional model of forensic expert, according to which he was to meet the requirements of a professional expert in court.

It is stated that the code of conduct of a forensic expert, which is also reflected in the scientific literature, should become a summary of moral and ethical requirements in a single document. The said code consists of three sections - general provisions, principles of the activity of a judicial expert, the responsibility of a judicial expert, the second part of which describes the composition and essence of the moral and professional principles of the activity of a judicial expert, including: service of justice in the field of forensic expert activity, integrity, professional competence, independence, justice or impartiality, confidentiality, and decent conduct. It is proposed to improve and supplement this document with separate elements of the ethical conduct of a forensic expert and add a separate section "Principles and rules of conduct of a court expert outside of expert activity" to more fully reflect the peculiarities of moral and ethical standards that a modern judicial expert must possess.

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