

**Nataliya V. Pavlova. Role and place of legal education in the professional activities of investigators.** The article notes that since 2015, the number of opponents has increased, who from time to time question the feasibility of the existence of departmental universities in the system of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The most active discussions took place around obtaining legal education in departmental universities. Regulations, draft concepts and laws, opinions of scientists on the priority of granting the right to higher legal education are covered: only to higher educational institutions of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine or also to higher educational institutions with specific training conditions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

It is noted that the issue of the need to obtain higher legal education in the specialty 081 "Law" for investigators is acute. High quality of legal education is one of the integral signs of competence of such persons, and when this quality is combined with the formation of professional skills on the basis of higher education with specific conditions of legal education, you can get a high-quality professional lawyer who can act even in extreme conditions and make legally correct decisions.

This is especially true of police investigators, who, when making procedural decisions, must know a number of branches of law, in particular: criminal, criminal procedural, administrative, civil, etc.

In the case of the specifics of the activity, there is often a need for knowledge of banking, housing, finance, tax, labor and other branches of law. At the same time, the task of the future investigator is not only to get acquainted with the content of legal norms, but also to be able to apply them in different legal situations, while professionally responding to legal conflicts that often arise, as well as apply the case law of the Supreme Court of Ukraine. human rights. This cannot be achieved in six months on the basis of the primary training center and the Police Academy.

Based on the analysis of the investigator's competencies and consideration of his functional responsibilities, the need for legal education for representatives of pre-trial investigation bodies is substantiated.

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