

Olena O. Orlova. Legal Clinical Education as a Necessary Component of a Future Lawyer Formation. Legal clinical education as an innovative form of legal education is studied in the article. The analysis of the influence of the legal clinic on the formation of the legal consciousness and culture of the future lawyer, his formation as a specialist is carried out. The process of modernization of legal education in Ukraine, where the emphasis is on the practical training of future lawyers, and where clinical education plays a crucial role is considered.

It is substantiated that legal clinic is a necessary component in obtaining the profession of a lawyer; consolidation of theoretical knowledge and acquisition of practical skills by students, implementation of legal education activities, provision of free legal aid to people in need are grounded.

It is proved that the presence of legal clinics within the structure of higher education institutions, their activities and importance for improving the practical training of future lawyers indicates the indisputability of the necessity to study and research legal clinical education.

Emphasis is placed on the need to improve the system of future lawyers training. It is legal clinical education that is the best form of legal influence on a person, and is an integral part of the overall reform of higher education, which is being carried out today in Ukraine and aims to train lawyers with high level of competencies and legal awareness.

Legal clinics allow students to be creatively realized, to reveal their intellectual potential; and are a link between the traditional educational process and future practical activities.

Increase the number of legal clinics, separation of legal clinics into a separate structural unit with the staff in all higher education institutions, the introduction of teaching of a mandatory course in legal clinical education will contribute to the formation of a future lawyer.

Legal clinic is a special kind of legal education (for the population) and an innovative form of legal education (for the applicants for law schools).

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