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ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LEGAL REGULATION OF THE LEGAL PROFESSIONAL BODIES' STATUS

The paper is devoted to the problem of lack of adequate effective regulations of the legal professional bodies' status. It is obvious that due to the excessive politicization of these institutions at the present stage, they are not regulated according to the principles of independence, activities of self-government, the rule of law and respect for human rights and freedoms.

The author argues that to bring Ukrainian legislation into line with European standards, voluntary admission of lawyers to National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine must be proposed, which in this case will not be considered as an instrument of pressure on the attorney. Since structure and legal status of the legal professional bodies allows them to properly implement their authority, it is necessary to abandon the practice of creating additional not statutory bodies to shift these powers on them.

In author's opinion, legal professional bodies should adopt professional standards and protect the independence and interests of its members; ensure the independence of lawyers and enhance and protect justice and the high status of the legal profession, in particular, implement the protection of honor, dignity and reputation.

The approach suggested in the paper allows the author to determine that legal professional bodies play a vital role in the maintenance of professional standards and ethics, protecting their members from persecution, unjustified restrictions and infringements of their rights, providing legal assistance to all who need it, and cooperating with the government and other institutions to achieve the goals of justice and the public interest.

Also, the author provides the recommendations necessary to improve administrative and legal regulation of the legal professional bodies' status.