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**RESEARCH AND
PUBLICATIONS
PROGRAM**

4. Research and publications program

Academy of Justice in carrying out its mandate for capacity development of the judicial and prosecutorial system, besides organizing trainings for judges, state prosecutors and administrative staff of court and prosecutions, and of other professionals of the justice system, is mandated to conduct also analysis, research and publishing activities in meeting the needs of the judicial and prosecutorial system and of free professions. This legal function of the Academy of Justice is realized through its Research and Publications Program.

In 2018, the Research and Publications Program will focus on its components like the research, publications and access to legal sources through the Academy's library.

Goal of the RPP

- Obtain and provide the legal resources needed for its beneficiaries;
- Creation of new legal resources depending on the needs of the judiciary;
- Performing research for development of the Academy's training programs;
- Improving the quality of scientific publications; and
- Encouraging and involving the legal community, particularly judges and state prosecutors in scientific publications;

4.1 Research

Research during 2018 will be dedicated to training program development and improvement and to the needs of the judicial and prosecutorial system.

The following activities will be carried out for developing and improving the training programs:

- Analysis of evaluation programs after the training sessions, questionnaires in the courts and the prosecution, which will have the focus, profile, training methodology, content and other organizational issues;
- Analysis of strategies, reports of local and international institutions dealing with monitoring of the justice system;
- Research on practical problems that can be addressed both through training and through creation and development of legal remedies;
- Research according to the needs of state judges and prosecutors;

These analysis and research carried out through this program will be helpful and contributing to the development and enhancement of the training program for 2019 that will be adequate to the real needs and which will impact on improving the quality and efficiency of work in the courts and the prosecution.

4.2 Publications

An important component of this program is the publishing activity that is oriented to legal publications, particularly in the field of judiciary, to contribute to the professional development of judges, state prosecutors, administrative staff of courts and prosecutions as well as other legal professionals.

In the Academy's publications, experts from various fields of law will be engaged to provide their expertise, whether in journals, training modules, and other legal material, through which it will influence the enrichment of legal culture with practical and theoretical knowledge.

The Academy's publications aim to be an information source especially with judicial practice and innovations in legislation and in general in the field of justice as well as information on the training activities of the Academy.

The Academy of Justice during 2018 plans to carry out these publications:

Within the magazines:

1. **“Opinio Juris” Magazine** - already consolidated as a journal of all legal professionals, which will continue to promote the legal community in publishing research results, particularly of judges and state prosecutors. This magazine will be an additional and facilitating literature especially for judges and state prosecutors.
2. **Justicia magazine** - This magazine will summarize the work of newly appointed judges of the sixth generation who attend the Initial Training Program.

The editorial board will continue to operate and function in the benefit of issuing these two magazines, which will ensure that these magazines are of high quality and in accordance with European standards as well as an important source for judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals.

Within the training modules:

1. **ITP training modules for newly appointed prosecutors** – are a summary of training courses carried out within this training program. According to the needs of beneficiaries republication of the actual modules may take place.
2. **Training modules for administrative staff of courts and prosecutions** - are a summary of the sub-modules that deal with professional and interdisciplinary aspects for these categories.

Within the publications that are of an informative nature for the activities of the Academy:

1. **The annual report** that reflects the activities of the Academy within 2017;
2. **The Work Program for 2019** which contains the activities of the Academy to be accomplished during 2019;
3. **Training Program for 2019** reflecting the needs of the judiciary for the development of professional capacities and practical skills of judges, state prosecutors and other legal professionals;
4. **Monthly newsletter** - will continue to be published on monthly basis and reflect the activities of the Academy within a month.

4.3 Library

Obtaining and provision of legal resources to judges, state prosecutors and other legal professionals will be done through library activities which will continue to enrich and manage its collections during 2018.

In the framework of library activities, it will be continued with the following:

- Identification of new titles in the legal field and their provision for the Academy library;
- Regularly notifying the beneficiaries with new legal materials owned by the Academy's library;
- Cataloging and classifying new legal materials;
- Circulation of legal materials for use outside the library;
- Scanning the titles of physical books and publishing them in the electronic library to provide more detailed information on their content;
- Providing access to several different legal bases by July 2018, as well as continuing membership in the Association of Electronic Libraries;