

THE CONTINUING TRAINING REGIME IN TURKEY

BRIEF NOTE

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Continuing training is not mandatory in Turkey. However, there are some provisions in Attorneyship Law that assigns a duty to the Union of Turkish Bar Associations to promote continuing training of lawyers.

The duties of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations have been provided in Article 110 of the Attorneyship Law. Accordingly, in paragraph 2 “Promoting the legal profession by coordinating the efforts of the bar associations in order to reach a common goal”, in paragraph 9 “Taking all kinds of measures to encourage and ensure the Professional development of attorneys”, in paragraph 12 “Setting up libraries, publishing periodicals, organizing conferences, and offering incentives to the creation of original and translated works to heighten the scientific and professional levels of the members of bar associations” have been mentioned as the duties of the Union.

Furthermore, according to Article 76 of the Law, the Bars have to promote the legal profession as well.

In order to accomplish this aim, the Union of Turkish Bar Associations established an Education Centre in 2009 not only for continuing training of lawyers but also for training of the apprenticeships especially in the small Bars where the opportunities are limited.

In this regard, the Education Centre provides continuing training seminars on various subjects, such as Law of Obligations, Law of Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Law of Criminal Procedure, Law of Administrative Procedure, Family Law, Executive and Bankruptcy Law, IT Law, Law of Property, Tax Law, Consumer Law and also Lawyer’s Fee and European Convention of Human Rights. These seminars held in numerous cities, draw intense attention of the lawyers.

In addition, Turkish Lawyers’ Social Aid and Solidarity Foundation established by Turkish Bar Association organises “Further Education Programme” on IT Law, Professional English, Actuary Law, Consumer Law, Health Law, Public Procurement Law, Finance Law, Energy Law, Tax Law and Competition Law since October 2011 and the participants receive a certificate at the end of these seminars. This “Further Education Programme” draws considerable interest country wide.