

5. ORDINANCE No. 4/9 January 2006  
On Attorneys Training  
And Qualification

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Section I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. This ordinance shall govern the structure, organization, conditions, funding and curricula for attorneys training and qualification in Bulgaria.

Art. 2. An Attorneys Training Center shall be created for the purpose of training, maintaining and improving attorneys' qualification.

Art. 3. (1) The Attorneys Training Center shall be established as a non-profit making legal person; it shall be a mutual benefit foundation with no time limitation of its existence. The foundation shall be registered in the court under the terms and conditions of the Non-profit Making Legal Persons Act.

(2) The founder of the foundation shall be the Supreme Bar Council in the Republic of Bulgaria.

(3) The by-laws of the foundation shall be adopted and amended by a Supreme Bar Council's decision, passed with two thirds majority of the votes of all active members.

(4) The name of the foundation shall be *Attorneys Training Center Krastyo Tsontchev* and the seat of the foundation shall be: the city of Sofia.

(5) The Supreme Bar Council monitors the activities of the Attorneys Training Center.

Art. 4. The main activities of the Attorneys Training Center shall be:

1. attorneys training and qualification, including attorneys newly admitted to the bar and candidates for the bar;
2. international contacts and cooperation with similar organizations;
3. developing and assisting scholarly activities in the area of law and in other similar areas.

Art. 5. The Attorneys Training Center shall:

1. organize and hold seminars, lectures and other forms of training;
2. organize and assist in publishing and distribution of specialized legal literature;
3. cooperate with and participate in similar Bulgarian, foreign and international organizations and institutions;
4. conducts other activities not prohibited by law.

Section II

STRUCTURE AND MODES OF TRAINING

Art. 6. The Attorneys Training Center shall conduct the attorneys training and raising of qualifications in Sofia and in other towns in cooperation with the local bar councils.

Art. 7. The training and raising of qualification of attorneys newly admitted to the bar shall be conducted by the Attorneys Training Center according to the curricula, provided for in Article 9, paragraph 3.

Art. 8. All attorneys must undergo at least 4 academic hours of training each year. Attorneys are free to choose the form and subject matter of the training.

### Section III

#### ORGANIZATION AND CURRICULA

Art. 9. (1) The Attorneys Training Center activities shall be organized and managed by a Managing Board and shall be conducted by the regional offices and by employees of the center under employment of civil contracts.

(2) The activities of the center shall be regulated by an Internal Regulation that shall be adopted and amended by a Decision of the Managing Board.

(3) The curricula for the trainings and development plans for the Attorneys Training Center shall be drafted by the Managing Board and is subject to approval by the Supreme Bar Council.

(4) The Attorneys Training Center Managing Board shall prepare and submit to the Supreme Bar Council an annual activities report, financial and accounting report and

a budget draft for the next year. Those documents are subject to approval by the Supreme Bar Council.

### Section IV

#### FUNDING AND FINANCES

Art. 10. (1) The Attorneys Training Center activities shall be funded by: -

1. the finances granted to the Attorneys Training Center by the Supreme Bar Council at the time of registration of the Attorneys Training Center;

2. annual installments from the Supreme Bar Council and from the local Bar Councils. The funding from the local Bar Councils shall be on a voluntary basis;

3. grants and inheritances from Bulgarian and foreign natural and legal persons;

4. subsidies, financial assistance, sponsorship and other income, received in compliance with law;

5. income from economic activities, conducted in compliance with the Bulgarian legislation, including tuition fees for trainings.

(2) The financial assets shall be expended in compliance with a Decision of the Managing Board on the basis of and within the annual budget.

(3) The administering of real estate and property rights over real estate, owned by the Attorneys Training Center, shall be according to a prior written permission of the Supreme Bar Council.

### FINAL PROVISION

§ 1. This Ordinance was issued pursuant to Article 28, paragraph 2 and Article 121, paragraph 1 of the Attorneys Act and was adopted by the Supreme Bar Council with Decision No. 460 on 20 December 2005.