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**Abstract**

This article explores the fundamental role and importance of legal ethics in the professional practice of advocacy. It examines the key principles guiding lawyers' conduct, including honesty, confidentiality, professional independence, and loyalty to clients. The article highlights ethical challenges commonly faced by lawyers, such as conflicts of interest and corruption, and emphasizes the need for a robust ethical framework within the legal profession. Comparative analysis with international practices, such as those of the CCBE and ABA, underscores the global standards for ethical legal conduct. In conclusion, the article provides actionable recommendations for strengthening legal ethics in Uzbekistan's legal system.

**Abstrakt**

Ushbu maqola advokaturaning professional amaliyotida huquqiy etikaning asosiy roli va ahamiyatini o'rganadi. U advokatlarning xulq-atvorini boshqaradigan asosiy tamoyillarni, jumladan halollik, maxfiylik, kasbiy mustaqillik va mijozlarga sodiqlikni o'rganadi. Maqolada advokatlar odatda duch keladigan axloqiy muammolar, masalan, manfaatlar to'qnashuvi va korrupsiyaga e'tibor qaratiladi va advokatlik sohasida mustahkam axloqiy asos zarurligiga urg'u beriladi. CCBE va ABA kabi xalqaro amaliyotlar bilan qiyosiy tahlil axloqiy huquqiy xulq-atvorning global standartlarini ta'kidlaydi. Xulosa qilib aytganda, maqolada O'zbekiston huquq tizimida huquqiy etikani mustahkamlash bo'yicha amaliy tavsiyalar berilgan.

**Аннотация**

В данной статье исследуются основополагающая роль и значение юридической этики в профессиональной практике адвокатуры. В ней рассматриваются ключевые принципы, определяющие поведение юристов, включая честность, конфиденциальность, профессиональную независимость и лояльность к клиентам. В статье освещаются этические проблемы, с которыми часто сталкиваются юристы, такие как конфликты интересов и коррупция, и подчеркивается необходимость создания прочной этической базы в юридической профессии. Сравнительный анализ с международной практикой, такой как практика ССБЕ и АБА, подчеркивает глобальные стандарты этического поведения юристов. В заключение статьи представлены практические рекомендации по укреплению юридической этики в правовой системе Узбекистана.

**Keywords**

Advocacy, legal ethics, professional responsibility, lawyer's code of conduct, conflict of interest, professional integrity, ethical principles, legal culture.

**Kalit so'zlar**

Advokatlik, huquqiy etika, kasbiy javobgarlik, advokatning xulq-atvor kodeksi, manfaatlar to'qnashuvi, kasbiy halollik, axloqiy tamoyillar, huquqiy madaniyat.

**Ключевые слова**

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Адвокатура, юридическая этика, профессиональная ответственность, кодекс поведения адвоката, конфликт интересов, профессиональная честность, этические принципы, правовая культура.

In the process of establishing a rule-of-law state, the role of the legal profession—particularly advocacy—is critical. Lawyers serve as protectors of citizens' rights and legitimate interests and play a central role in ensuring justice and fairness within the legal system. Therefore, their professional activities must be governed not only by legal regulations but also by a strong ethical framework. Legal ethics are the moral principles that define acceptable behavior for lawyers and are essential to maintaining public trust and upholding the integrity of the justice system.

Legal ethics refer to a system of moral guidelines that regulate lawyers' professional behavior. These rules are based not only on national legislation but also on broader principles of fairness, responsibility, and public trust.

The functions of legal ethics include:

- **Normative Function:** Establishes standards for professional conduct.
- **Educational Function:** Promotes a culture of legal responsibility and integrity.
- **Protective Function:** Safeguards client interests and the dignity of the legal profession.

Legal ethics require lawyers to strike a balance between zealous representation of their clients and a duty to the legal system and society as a whole.

The Code of Professional Ethics for Lawyers adopted by the Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Uzbekistan outlines fundamental ethical duties, which align with international norms:

#### 1. Honesty and Integrity

Lawyers must act truthfully, avoid misrepresentation, and refrain from engaging in any dishonest or corrupt practices. Trust between a lawyer and a client, or between the lawyer and the court, depends entirely on the lawyer's integrity.

#### 2. Loyalty and Commitment to Clients

An advocate is obligated to protect their client's lawful interests with competence and dedication. However, this commitment does not extend to supporting illegal or unethical conduct.

#### 3. Professional Independence

Lawyers must remain free from undue influence—whether political, economic, or social. They are required to make objective decisions that are in the best interests of justice and their clients.

#### 4. Confidentiality

One of the cornerstones of legal ethics is confidentiality. Lawyers must keep all client-related information secret unless explicitly authorized by the client or required by law.

#### 5. Justice and Impartiality

Even while representing clients, lawyers must uphold the broader interests of justice and fairness. Their conduct must not harm the integrity of the legal process.

Organizations such as the **Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)** and the **American Bar Association (ABA)** have developed internationally recognized codes of conduct. These frameworks emphasize:

- Ethical client relationships based on honesty and transparency.
- Effective regulation through independent disciplinary bodies.
- Mechanisms to prevent and resolve conflicts of interest.
- Promotion of public trust in legal institutions through ethical accountability.

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Uzbekistan's legal profession is progressively aligning with these global standards. The incorporation of these norms into domestic law strengthens both the ethical and legal culture within the country.

#### **Ethical Challenges in Advocacy Practice**

Despite the existence of legal and ethical frameworks, several practical problems persist:

##### **1. Conflict of Interest**

Cases where a lawyer has relationships with both sides of a legal dispute compromise the integrity of legal representation and may lead to biased outcomes.

##### **2. Corruption and Unethical Conduct**

Some lawyers attempt to influence judges, prosecutors, or investigators through unlawful means. Such actions undermine the legal profession and public confidence in the justice system.

##### **3. Lack of Ethical Awareness and Training**

There is insufficient emphasis on ethics in legal education and continuing professional development. As a result, some legal professionals may lack the knowledge or motivation to uphold ethical standards.

These issues hinder the formation of a robust legal culture and damage the reputation of the legal profession.

Legal ethics form the foundation of trust between the legal profession and society. A lawyer who upholds ethical norms contributes not only to the protection of client rights but also to the advancement of justice and the rule of law. Legal ethics are, therefore, both a professional requirement and a moral obligation.

As Uzbekistan moves toward building a more just and accountable legal system, ethical conduct among lawyers must remain a top priority. Strengthening the ethical infrastructure of the legal profession is crucial for sustainable legal reform.

To improve the state of legal ethics in advocacy, the following practical recommendations are proposed:

##### **1. Introduce Mandatory Ethics Training**

Ethics modules should be incorporated into continuing legal education programs, with mandatory attendance for all practicing lawyers.

##### **2. Strengthen Ethical Oversight**

Independent ethics commissions within the Chamber of Advocates should be empowered to investigate misconduct and enforce disciplinary measures.

##### **3. Update and Align the Ethics Code with International Standards**

The existing Code of Professional Ethics should be reviewed and revised regularly to reflect evolving legal challenges and international best practices.

##### **4. Promote Transparency in Legal Practice**

Establish an accessible and user-friendly complaint mechanism for clients, and publish data on disciplinary actions to increase accountability.

##### **5. Include Legal Ethics in Academic Curriculum**

Courses on legal ethics should be made compulsory in law schools to ensure that future lawyers are educated in both the legal and moral dimensions of the profession.

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