

Brief note on the continuing professional training of lawyers in Slovakia

There is no mandatory regime of lawyers` continuing professional training in Slovakia. According to the Act on the Legal Profession while practising law, each lawyer is obliged to protect his client`s rights with a due professional care; he shall consistently use all available legal means and do anything which is to the best of the lawyer`s knowledge in his client`s interest. This obligation implies lawyer`s duty to keep himself updated in all law branches by any means which he considers appropriate.

The Slovak Bar Association offers continuing training seminars as laid down in Sec. 6 of the *Decree of the General Assembly of the Slovak Bar Association on the Training for Trainee Lawyers and Continuing Training for Lawyers:*

(1) According to the needs and requests of lawyers, their employees and other legal practitioners, the Bar shall organise seminars and lectures on current problems arising out of the legal practice or on issues relevant to legal practice.

(2) Attendance at seminars and lectures is on voluntary basis.