

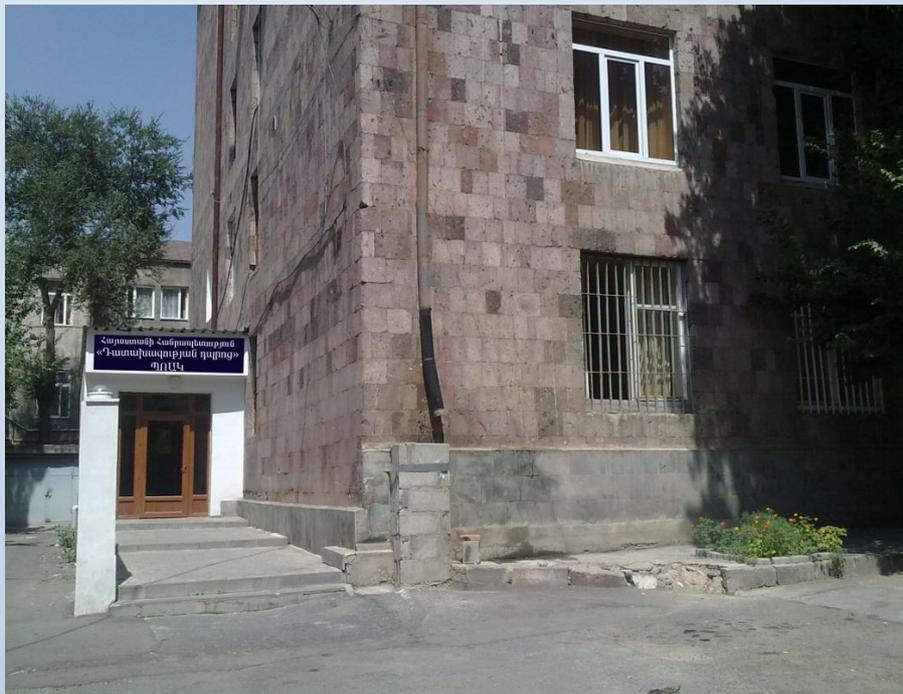
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA



“PROSECUTOR’S SCHOOL”

State noncommercial organization

BRIEF ABOUT THE PROSECUTOR’S SCHOOL OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA



“Prosecutor’s School” of RA

INTRODUCTION

The commendable legal system is the guarantee of legal state; hence the aim of the Prosecutor’s School is to deliver a high quality of training, to strengthen the system of law-enforcement agencies of the Republic of Armenia.

The RA Prosecutor’s School is a new established training institution and it is on its way of development. The Prosecutors’ Training School is an autonomous state body maintaining pivotal

role in the process of completing the Prosecutor's Office staff with highly qualified specialists, improving the prosecutors' and public servants' professional knowledge and skills as well as in the line of accomplishing various curricula.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The activities of RA Prosecutor's School are regulated by the law of "State Noncommercial Organizations", the law of the Republic of Armenia, and the legislation of the Prosecutor's School.

The Prosecutor's Training School of the Republic of Armenia is a state non-commercial organization, which has been established based on the Republic of Armenia Statute on Prosecutor's *Article 62* on 20 July, 2007.

The RA Prosecutor's School and its Legislation were established by the 19.07.2007 N 46 order of the Prosecutor General and was legally registered in the corresponding state bodies.

COMPETENCE

- Professional training of candidate prosecutors;
- Annual and complementary training of prosecutors;
- Training of public servants of prosecutor's system;
- Training of special investigative service investigators;
- Training of operating personnel;
- Training of military commissars.

OBJECTIVES

- Completing the RA Prosecutors' Office staff with professionally trained personnel.
- Constantly improving the prosecutors' and public servants' professional knowledge and working skills.
- Accomplishing educational programs by using contemporary scientific, technical and teaching methods.

- Assisting the improvement of the legal system.

THE MANAGERIAL STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL

According to the RA Statute “On State Noncommercial organizations” and Prosecutor’s School Legislation, the governing bodies are the constitutor and the Director of the School.

The Prosecutor General is the constitutive body of the Prosecutor’s School and implements its general government, while the **Director** is the executive body who carries out the administration of current activities of the School.

There are two Chairs functioning in the School:

- Criminal Case and Criminalistics;
- Criminal Law, Criminalistics and Penal Law.

The activities of the School are organized by full-time chairmen, scientific staff, translators, librarian, responsible person of international relations, methodologist, computer specialist, operating personnel and temporary trainers of legal academics and experienced representatives of law.

TRAINING

The RA Prosecutor’s School implements 3 educational processes;

- Professional training /initial/;
- Complementary training;
- Annual training /continuous/.

Within the **professional, complementary and annual training** participants attend both theoretical and practical courses.

The professional training lasts 6 months, 3 months of which the candidates for prosecutors take their practical courses in RA Prosecutor’s Office. The duration of complementary training is for 6 weeks and the annual training lasts 2 weeks.

For the effectiveness of the educational courses certain seminars are conducted at the end of the week. The theme of the report is given to the participants, which they analyze and present in their speech in detail.

In this case the role of Prosecutor's School is to moderate these seminars by putting forward questions, suggestions and opinions.

Practical courses have a leading role in the education process of RA Prosecutor's School. In the frame of practical training participants take part in case simulations act as prosecutors, defendants, defenders, complainants and witnesses and write indictments. The case trials are led by experienced prosecutors of RA "Prosecutor's Office". The whole procedure is assessed by the members of the jury.

When this whole procedure is covered prosecutors and candidate prosecutors take final exams.



AUDITORIUMS AND LIBRARY

There are two auditoriums furnished with computer, projector and blackboard. There is also a conference room where the Prosecutor's School organizes workshops and case simulations.



The school has rejected organizing discourses in traditional auditoriums. With the objective to provide the listeners' direct participation, the discourses are taken place around a table. Most of the lectures are provided with presentations, audio, video materials.

The library of the school is a well-equipped room, rich with various legal books and journals. In the near future the library will be used for establishing computer-based training center.



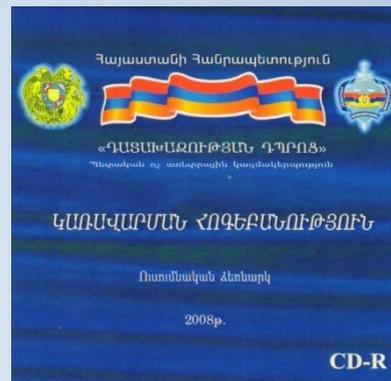
PUBLICATION

Publications are the important and essential assets of the RA Prosecutor's School. The School implements educational and training functions and conducts scientific research and publications as well. Since 2008 several manuals have been published: "Psychology of Management", "Corruption and Struggle against it", "Chronology of the Judicial and Legal Reforms", "The RA Prosecutor's Office Regulations", "Course on Corruption", "The Main Issues of Investigation and Search Operation in the Context of the RA Law "On Investigation and Search", "The Operation of Investigatory Powers", "The Investigative Peculiarities of cases of Dodging Military Service or Alternative to Military Service".

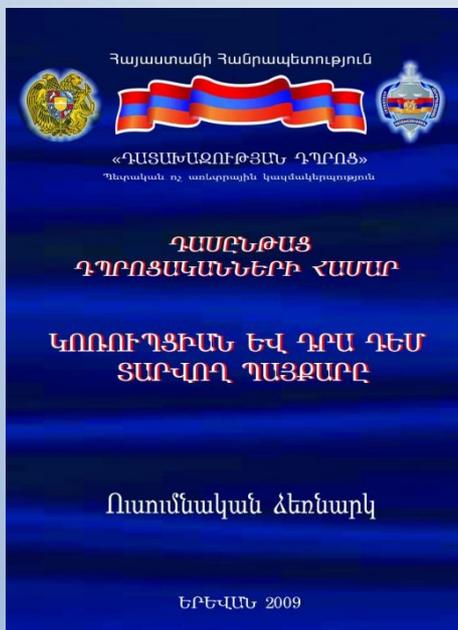
The electronic versions of the manuals have been made in order to secure the accessibility of the manuals, and to raise the level of perceptibility. Moreover taking into account psychological viewpoint that by using simultaneously the two human senses the level of perceptibility of the studied material is raised approximately to 4 or 5 times. The above-mentioned is an electronic teaching method and is widely implemented in Prosecutor's School. The experience has proved that it has a high level of effectiveness.



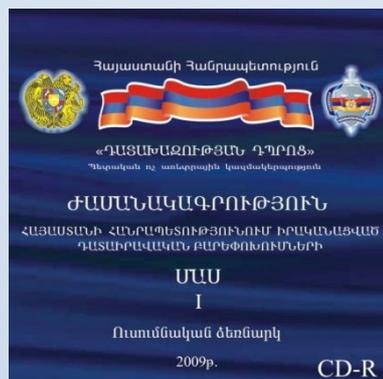
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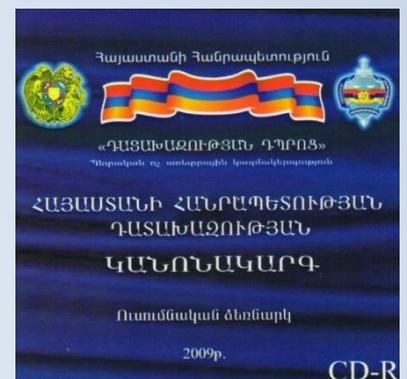
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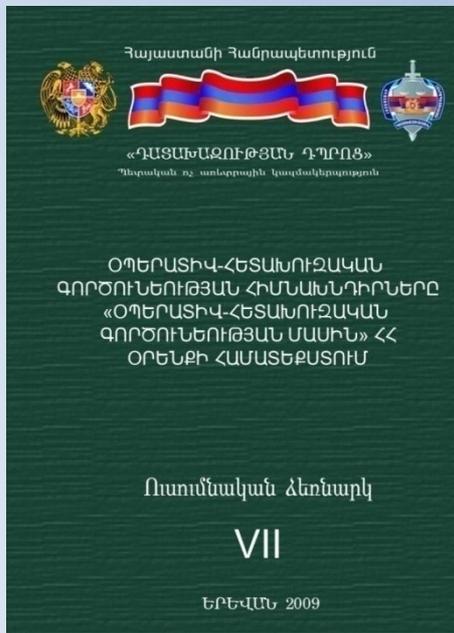
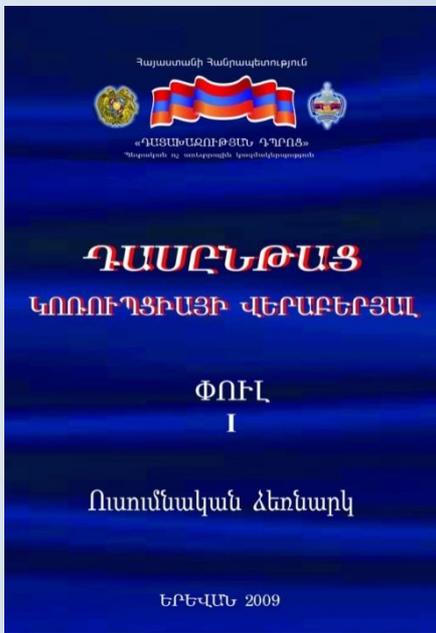
"Corruption and Struggle against it" educational manual



"Chronology of Judicial and Legal Reforms" e-version



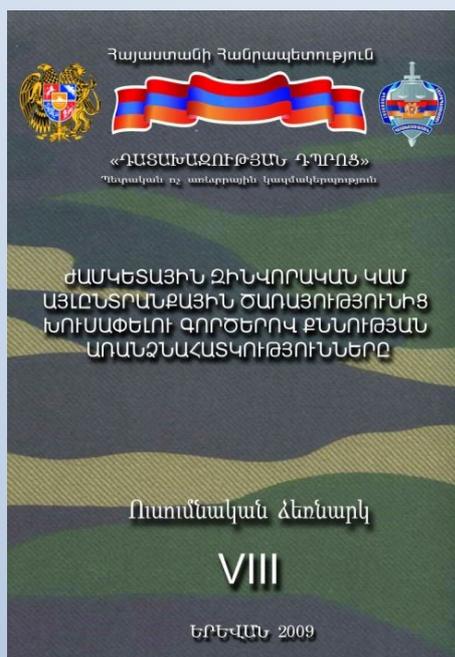
"The RA Prosecutor's Office Regulations" e-version



"Course on Corruption" educational manual and e-version

"The Main Issues of Investigation and Search Operation in the Context of the RA Law "On Investigation and Search" educational manual and e-version

"The Operation of Investigatory Powers" educational manual and e-version



"The Investigative Peculiarities of cases of Dodging Military Service or Alternative to Military Service" educational manual and e-version

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In order to meet efficiently the challenges of against the law-enforcement system of the Republic of Armenia, as well as to organize the teaching and training processes of the School according to the European standards we are currently seeking for cooperation opportunities with the international organizations either directly or indirectly interested in establishment of a better system guaranteeing the human rights and freedoms, development of democratic institutions, protection of the rights of victimized groups, strengthening the rule of law and foundation of civil society.

It should be noted that RA “Prosecutors’ School” is a member of Lisbon network and it cooperates with many international organizations, such as: EU, CoE, OSCE, Commission of the European Communities, The lawyers Union of America, Poland Prosecutor’s Office, the High School of Georgia, etc.

GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

The RA Prosecutor’s School intends to reform substantially its educational processes. The following projects are currently being realized and/or still are provided for further realization:

- Introduction of new training courses taking into consideration the requirements for the RA law-enforcement bodies to act concordant with the RA international obligations. Particularly, special training courses have been provided concerning various provisions of the European Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, Case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, international treaties signed within the framework of the Council of Europe, on the matters of combating corruption, international terrorism, money laundering and on legal cooperation among member states.
- Intentions to put into practice the testing system in the examination process. We are planning to establish a unified testing system, which will promote an increase in educational efficiency disclosing the preparedness level of the listeners in the respective group. The final assessment of the listeners’ knowledge will be made through testing.
- Establishment of a comprehensive computer based law enforcement training (CBT) program to counter organized crimes, including drug and human trafficking, money

laundering and related cross-border criminal activities. Then the RA Prosecutor's School will have at its disposal 21 computers.

- Foundation of electronic library and commencement of E-learning, based on the CBT program.
- Creation of the virtual shooting range and virtual room will contribute to make the training processes more perceptible. Besides the visual contact, the direct and active participation of each trainee will be provided.

The program provides an individual approach. It can implement virtual situations of shooting range, investigation of locus delicti, court trials and other investigative actions.

While carrying official, registered arms the prosecutors often possess the knowledge of the arms usage theoretically, never passing any educational courses. Besides, today many RA state bodies, legal entities and individuals with special license to carry arms, spend great amount of money on firing courses, thus the creation of the virtual shooting range will give the opportunity to involve them in our activities and pass the training courses efficiently. The virtual shooting range will help assist to pass the retraining courses in a new and effective way and will reduce their expenses.

- Creation of RA Prosecutor's School web site.

The Prosecutor's School of the Republic of Armenia is welcoming any cooperation suggestion with all training institutions and organizations in the frame of promoting educational system, improving the exchange of experience and innovative methods.