

PROGRAMA ANALITICA DISCIPLINA ENGLEZA JURIDICA (10 HRS.)

THE MAIN TOPICS IN LEGAL ENGLISH FOR LAWYERS

FOREWORD

Legal English and law communication has been planned to offer the trainee lawyers and not only them some working knowledge of written communication and practice in modern business and law context. It covers almost all stages of contracts from addressing and laying out, to their terms (sale contract, leasing and insurance, patents and trademarks, copyrights and licence , service and employment).

Each section offers the participants the opportunity to comment on the topic under discussion. Each section focuses on terms, style and specific language of the contracts. There are sections dedicated to translations ,where those aspects to legal are studied by practical activities. These sections prepare the lawyers for the proper business and law writing which is going to be part of their profession.

This Legal English practice is meant to make the participants aware of the fact that written communication, as well as other skills, is essential in establishing and confirming law activity.

TOPICS ON DISCUSSION

1. THE CONCEPT OF A CONTRACT

- a) concept of an agreement
- b) what are the essential elements of a contract
- c) parties involved in an agreement
- d) what does a void contract mean
- e) what form can an enforceable contract take

Cases on discussion. Focus on writing. Specific vocabulary.

2. THE FORM OF A CONTRACT

- a) the essential elements of a contract
- b) define the term " liability"
- c) awareness in contractual relationships in everyday transactions
- d) making notes on the following: legal nature, enforceability ,breach, termination.

Cases on discussion. Focus on writing. Words to remember.

3. CONTRACT FOR SALE

- a) define the term purchase of business

- b) what kind of agreement to not imply a written form
- c) give the Romanian Civil Law interpretation for "Contract for sale and purchase of business".
- d) essential terms and conditions of the "Contract for sale and purchase of business"

Cases on discussion. Writing skills. Specific contractual vocabulary.

4. INSURANCE AGREEMENT

- a) definition of the contract
- b) reasons for entering into a life insurance agreement
- c) mandatory elements of a life insurance agreement
- d) a comparison between an English and Romanian life assurance agreement (surrender or cancellation clause)

Cases on discussion. Words to remember.

5. SERVICE CONTRACT

- a) definition of the service contract
- b) main duties of the contractor
- c) what shall this contract inure for the beneficiary.
- d) what should a contractor certify at the time of entering into the service contract

Cases on discussion. Focus on writing. Words to remember.

6. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

- a) the main parties of the employment agreement
- b) major duties of the executive in such an agreement
- c) disabilities of the agreement
- d) definition of the binding agreement
- e) explanation of the dispute resolution

Cases on discussion. Focus on writing. Vocabulary.