

In Memoriam

**PROF. DR ČEDOMIR STEVANOVIĆ
(1928-2016)**

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Prof. Čedomir Stevanović, eminent retired professor of the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, pass away on 18. 03. 2016. For more than three decades of his professional work, he left a permanent mark in the academic community. He was born on 03.04.1928 in the village of Mrveš, Municipality of Bojnik. He finished high school in Leskovac in 1949. He finished Higher School of State Security in Belgrade in 1952, and graduated from the Faculty of Law in Belgrade in 1961. He completed his master's degree studies at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb in 1965, by defending his Master thesis on the topic "The Reopening of Criminal Proceedings: the theoretical aspect and the application of this institute in the district courts of Southeastern Serbia". He obtained his doctoral degree at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana in 1973 by defending the Doctoral dissertation titled "Expert-witness testimony in criminal proceedings".

In the period from 1952 to 1962, he worked at the Department of the Ministry of Interior in Niš. In 1962, he became a teaching assistant in the course *Criminal Procedure Law and Criminalistics*. In 1968, he was appointed for the position of a lecturer in the same course, and he obtained his first academic rank of an assistant professor in 1973. He acquired the academic rank of an associate professor in 1978 and obtained his tenure as a full professor in 1983. He worked as a full professor at the Faculty of Law in Nis until 1993, when he retired. During his academic career, he was a long-term Chief of the Criminal Science Department at the Law Faculty in Niš. In the period 1981-1982, he was editor-in-chief of the Collection of Papers of the Law Faculty in Niš. He held the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law in Nis in two terms of office (1983-1984 and 1990-1992), as well as the position of Vice Dean of the Law Faculty in Niš.

Professor Stevanović is the author of 14 monographs. Most of them are textbooks on Criminal Procedure Law, the most recent of which was co-authored with Prof. Vojislav Đurđić. In the course of his prolific academic career, Prof. Stevanović published 15 scientific articles, which were mainly printed in the Collection of Papers of the Law Faculty in Niš. The predominant topics in his scientific opus were: citizen participation in trial

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proceedings, reopening of criminal proceedings, role of the police in criminal proceedings, testimony of expert witnesses as evidence, and control of legality of court decisions. Prof. Stevanović has been highly appreciated as a great expert and recognized in both scientific and professional community.

Prof. Stevanović will be remembered as an excellent educator who successfully passed his knowledge on the criminal procedure theory and practice to many generations of law students, who praised his kindness, humanity and extensive knowledge. He was a legal scholar and a pedagogue who was perceived by students as a person of great professional authority and personal integrity. He was generally known as a strict but fair examiner. Due to his collegiality and principled commitment to academic standards, he was highly regarded among professors and teaching assistants. His work, activities and results were always driven by his best efforts to protect the dignity of colleagues and the reputation of the Law Faculty in Niš, as the institution where he spent all his academic life.

Participating in the building and development of the Law Faculty in Niš, he significantly contributed to strengthening the reputation of this higher education institution. In the field of criminal procedure law, he laid down the foundation of the Niš school of criminal procedure theory and paved the road for the generations of scholars to come.

For all the academic achievements and personal integrity that he demonstrated in the course of his long and prolific academic career, Professor Čedomir Stevanović will remain in our memory as a responsible scientist, an excellent professor, a good colleague and, above all, a true and honest friend.