

“Student today, (un)employed tomorrow - What does your future hold?”

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I remember that day by my mother's tears, it was the day I separated from my family for the first time. Housed in a student dormitory, those four walls that looked a lot like a prison cell echoed sounds of joy from the more experienced neighbours, but for us, the freshmen, a yearning for the warmth of our homes. I chose Skopje, the city "hungry" for students, the city that quickly absorbs you in its own spirit and never releases you. Every day I woke up and fell asleep with the same thought - Will I succeed?

Surrounded by the need to get familiar with the legal norms and their application, the critical thought that will help us build a better tomorrow showed me the path leading to the law faculty. Why not be one of those who will defend the rights of our fellow citizens, one of those who seal the fate of the criminals with a gavel in the courtroom? With a lot of hard work, I believe that after several years there is a job waiting for me, a job where I will practice what I have learned. I believe all these years I spend over the books are worth it and I will get what I deserve. Although people with more "contacts" are way more successful in our society, I am optimistic that only a student with good grades, personal integrity and credibility can be the one who will bring positive changes in society. But I feel that we, the law students, are “suffocating” in paper volumes. We become lost in the art of law written on countless pages of mandatory material for the exam. And after we learn them, we encounter the first obstacle - inadequate assessment by disinterested professors. You studied day and night; you missed a "life" to end up being perceived as a zero.

We are “hungry” for practical work, we need to find out how a law is applied in the real world, to make ourselves ready to enter the labour market. But all that remains for us is to hope that our country accession to the EU and the accompanied reforms will help us stay here and offer our labour in developing our own country.

A hard work awaits me, passing year after year in legal studies, absorbing new knowledge, so maybe someday I'll put on that black ceremonial robe that will crown the fruits of my labour. And in the end, as the French lawyers say, "si tu veux la paix, cultive la justice" - if you want peace, foster justice.