

STATEMENT

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About Iliyana Ilieva Miteva's PhD Thesis, on topic: "**Administrative-legal regime regarding people with disabilities in Bulgarian Law**"

I. GENERAL DATA ABOUT THE SCIENTIFIC WORK OF THE PHD CANDIDATE

Iliyana Ilieva Miteva graduated Law at the University of Plovdiv. She currently works as a legal consultant for Nature Energy EOOD. She is a doctoral student engaged in informal training at the Public Law Department of the University of Plovdiv supervised by Prof. Dr. Darina Zinovieva. Ms Miteva has eight topic related publications as articles and reports in prestigious scientific journals.

II. SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL RESULTS FROM THE DISSERTATION

The dissertation is 289 pages long. It consists of an introduction, eleven separate chapters and a bibliography, and it is an extensive scientific study. There have been used and correctly indicated 85 literary sources, including some foreign ones. The topic of the research is very important and up-to-date, as it raises questions that have remained outside the scope of legal science, with small exceptions. The name of the topic clearly indicates the author's purpose to explore the matter, related to the overall legal regime of people with disabilities through the prism of administrative law. The purpose has been successfully achieved.

Firstly, the non-traditional-eleven-chapter dissertation structure of is quite impressive. The author's approach is original and it presents the issues in their

systematic and logical sequence. The introduction clearly states the subject, the goals and the objectives of the study, as well as its practical significance and relevance. The main scientific methods used in the process are: formal-legal, comparative legal, systematic, historical-legal. From a methodological point of view, the chosen approach for achieving the set of goals and solving the specific tasks in the research should be considered correct. The dissertation is an up-to-date and in-depth study that has its worthy place in legal science.

Specifically, I would like to point out the following contributions:

- matters of other law branches, related to the topic, are taken into consideration, which significantly increases the scientific value and feasibility of the paper and reveals the interdisciplinary approach of the author
- the in-depth and comprehensive analysis of the Law on People with Disabilities and the Law on Personal Assistance from 2019
- the critical analysis of the relevant case law;
- the well-formulated proposals for improvement of the current legislation.

III. CRITICAL NOTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Critical remarks are common in such works, especially when it is the author's first attempt. In this regard, a certain weakness is the insufficient attention paid to issues related to financial control when using budget funds or those under the EU, given the possibility of abuse and in order to protect the public interest in the field of public finances. Thus, an in-depth revision of the financial aspects of the study, would have enriched it considerably.

I would like to recommend the author to freely express her opinions and to strongly disagree when they are different than the generally accepted ones.

The critical remark and the recommendation do not diminish the merits of the work and the positive assessment of it.

IV .CONCLUSION

Considering the very good scientific level of the presented dissertation, the scientific contributions and innovations, as well as the fact that it meets the legal

requirements, I positively evaluate the dissertation and I would like to suggest to the scientific jury to grade the dissertation ONS "Doctor of Law".

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