

TRAINEESHIP REPORT

During July, 2017 I had a unique chance to be a trainee at Bıçak Law Firm in Ankara, Turkey. Bıçak Law Firm has three offices in Ankara which are Ankara Kule Office, Ankara Bulvar Office and Ankara West Office. The firms are composed of the team of experienced attorneys who are intelligent, capable, motivated, loyal and hard-working. I have decided to apply to Bıçak Law Firm through ELSA STEP Traineeship Programme and I was more than happy when I have received invitation letter from this law company.

In the beginning of my internship I have visited the main office of Bıçak Law Firm - Ankara Kule Office with location Next Level Loft, Ufuk Üniv. Cad., No: 4, Kat 9-10, O. 29, Söğütözü, Çankaya/Ankara. If someone visits this office, they can grasp that an incredible views from the windows of this place inspire on work with double motivation. The second part of my traineeship I have spent at the Bulvar Office. I have found this place interesting as well because I spent time with other local trainees with similar interests and desires. I was also impressed really friendly atmosphere at this Office.



During the time spending at Bıçak Law Firm I was involved in a lot of different tasks such as legal research, translation assignments and other office work. I have conducted legal research concerning Information Security and Data Protection legislation overview. Moreover, I had possibility to make presentation in the scope of the research topic and presented it to other trainees. Taking into account that I had graduated IT Law program, it was a pleasure for me to share received knowledge with others. Also I had opportunity to participate with Mr. Vahit Bıçak into meeting with potential cooperative client. Following the procedure of the meeting was pretty interesting and exciting for me. Finally, I have spent time on working on the firm's web-site, particularly I had done the translation of the web-page into Ukrainian and Russian. I really hope that it will be useful for Ukrainian or Russian citizens who are needed the legal support in Turkey.



The internship opportunity I had with Bıçak Law Firm was a great chance for learning and professional development. Therefore, I consider myself as a very lucky individual as I was provided with a possibility to be a part of it. I am also grateful for having a chance to meet so many wonderful people and professionals who led me through this internship period.



It was a pleasure for me to explore Turkey with their tradition, culture, history and delicious cuisine. Therefore, I was impressed by visiting Ankara castle and Anitcibir in Ankara. Moreover, I have visited beautiful city Beypazarı which is located approximately 100 km west of the city of Ankara. Beypazarı today is a small town in a rural district famous for its carrots, (producing nearly 60% of Turkey's carrots), silverwork, and a high quality natural mineral water. However, the most interesting trip for me was the trip to Konya where I had paid the visit to Semazen (it is a

customary meditation practice performed within the Sema, or worship ceremony, through which dervishes (also called semazens) aim to reach the source of all perfection, or kemal). Konya has the reputation of being one of the more religiously conservative metropolitan centers in Turkey and this place was the final home of Mevlana (Muslim poet, jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic), whose tomb is in the city.

To sum up, my internship at Bıçak Law Firm in Ankara was an outstanding experience. I got a deep and inspiring insight in the work of the Turkish-based global law firm, but also beyond that Mr. Bıçak as well as the other friendly and cooperative staff members took a lot of efforts to make my internship unforgettable. Without any doubt, aforementioned traineeship is a great opportunity for fresh graduate students not only to receive some practical experience in law sphere of knowledge, but also it is a unique chance to touch to new culture, to communicate with locals, to live, work in the international environmental and try to learn the way of thinking and way of living locals.



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