

Summary

Jovan Sterija Popović – a Professor of Law at Licej

Jovan Sterija Popović (11806-1856), a distinguished Serbian literary writer, was a lawyer by education and an author of legal articles. In the course of his professional career, he worked as a grammar school teacher and a barrister in Vršac, as one of the first professors of law at the Lyceum in Kragujevac and, later on, as a Minister of Education.

In this paper, the author describes the academic career of Jovan Sterija Popović as a professor at the Lyceum, with special emphasis on his contribution in the field of legal education. Not only did he endeavour to establish certain academic and scientific legal disciplines but he also wanted to improve the instruction at the Lyceum so that the first generations of educated lawyers in Serbia could obtain the most competent knowledge and the necessary legal skills for their future professional careers.

As the first professor of civil procedure in Serbia, Jovan Sterija Popović created the first syllabus for teaching the law of civil procedure, thus laying the foundations for the further development and expansion of this academic and scientific discipline.