

Summary

**From the Inheritance of Serbian Legal Ethics –  
the Legal Ethics of Toma Živanović**

Toma Zivanovic, in the legal world the most popular as an ardent devotee of criminal law, has contributed to the development of the philosophy of law and ethics in our, as well as in world legal ethics by means of his tripartite, particular ethical system. The tripartite system in ethics, represented by Toma Zivanovic, is the unique one in the entire philosophy of ethics. He approaches the group of the prominent ethical questions both philosophically and scientifically. His approach to ethics resembles a great deal the approach of Branislav Petronijevic in his work “On Freedom of Will and Moral and Criminal Responsibility”. This is the well-defined, coherent and logical ethical system, permitting no gaps. In his tripartite system, Toma Zivanovic has left no issue unresolved. This is the example of comprehending ethics as science and as the phenomenon in practice. Toma Zivanovic wants to logically bring ethics to the stage of its simple application. The tripartite ethical system establishes the firm foundation for resolving moral issues imposed by modern world. By means of tripartite system Toma Zivanovic opens the subjective side of ethics. Thereby, he literally removes the possibility of avoiding ethical responsibility. Toma Zivanovic doesn't question the purpose of ethics merely theoretically, he shifts it to the applied ethics. In our country this is the one and only move into the field of the applied ethics.