Abstract

Professional ethics courts are one of the several manifestations of the commonly known decentralization for cooperation by means of which private individuals execute administrative activities. Participation of private individuals in public management is grounded in provisions of Articles 2, 26, 123, and 210 of 1991 Colombia Political Constitution. During the research conducted it was found that there are 29 courts, colleges or councils or professional practitioners to whom research and punishment of misconduct against professional ethics are some of their functions. This article deals with the way principles and procedures followed by them are formed, the type of misconduct they investigate, the penalties imposed, the expiration and time limit terms, the warranty of the due process, and the existence or non-existence of the first appeal. Finally, the article includes a list of effects and consequences resulting from the fact of being a private individual executing administrative functions.

Keywords

Public function, administrative function, administrative law, punitive administrative process, decentralization for cooperation, fiscal and disciplinary responsibility.