

Need for improved rule of law

Centre of Law and Justice



The balance between protecting the citizens against encroachment from the state on the one hand and fighting terror on the other hand has changed markedly. The consequences of terror attacks in Europe, the USA and Asia have led to restrictive changes of many laws.

The Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society finds it of outmost importance for the Danish rule of law based society that the debate on both fundamental human rights and on the level of protection offered citizens and companies by law takes it's outset on the most nuanced basis possible. The Council would like to contribute to this by creating a politically neutral but engaged and qualified forum, within which such a debate can unfold.

As of 2009 the Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society has therefore established a framework – "Center for Lov og Ret" (Centre of law and justice) within which a confidential and informal debate on the rule of law can take place.

Center for Lov og Ret will meet once or twice annually to debate current issues.

The discussions in Center for Lov og Ret shall result in contributions to the general debate in our society, for instance in form of articles, seminars, conferences etc., but Center for Lov og Ret shall not necessarily arrange/host the events.

The secretariat of the Danish Bar and Law Society will serve as secretariat for Center for Lov og Ret.

Besides representatives of the Bar Council, the following authorities and organisations are represented with permanent members:

The Association of Danish Judges, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Ministry of Justice, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Civil and Military Administration, the Consumer Ombudsman, The Danish tax authority's Director of Legal Protection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Consumer Council, the Confederation of Danish Industry,

Danish Media Forum, institutes and faculties of law, Amnesty International and the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

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