

Forensic Linguistic Expertise

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Annotation: Linguistic expertise is an assessment of the content of oral statements and written publications. In fact, this is a kind of speech research. Since linguistic expertise is a professional analysis of the text, the expert conducting the research must necessarily have a higher education in philology. The object of linguistic expertise is text. Moreover, it can be presented both in audio or video recordings, and in the form of written documents.

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Linguistic expertise is a procedure based on the study of both oral statements and texts in the field of criminal and civil law, legal proceedings, as well as in administrative offenses.

Linguistic expertise is used to provide explanations of the origin and meaning of phrases, words, sayings, expressions and interpretations with the establishment of the meaning of the text. In this case, we are talking about the most accurate determination of the specifics of the use of stylistics, its methods and means with the establishment of similarity or identity with other designations of advertising texts, trademarks, slogans, commercial and brand names.

Linguistic examination of the text deals with the interpretation, translation, clarification of the use of words and phrases in a particular context. The need to appoint the procedure in question often arises in the industrial sphere in cases of insult, libel, in the protection of the honor and dignity of citizens, as well as the business reputation of legal entities and individuals.

Conducting linguistic expertise, for which the relevant specialists are responsible, may be relevant not only during the trial, but also for the Mass Media, publishing houses and legal services when conducting research on the provided texts and other documents, for example, on the issue of identifying the propaganda of drugs that prohibited by applicable law, and other things. Such research is carried out before the submission of manuscripts to print in order to prevent subsequently civil claims, prosecution and criminal prosecution.

Specialized knowledge of linguistics should be used when clarifying slang, vulgarisms and jargon. This is due to the fact that the usual interpretation of these expressions and words, due to their ambiguity, is often erroneous or extremely difficult.

A linguistic examination is necessary if the court is not entitled to decide whether a certain legal norm has been violated in this case by the products of speech activity. Linguistic analysis of the formal and substantive side of texts and speech utterances will help to establish or refute this fact by the court.

Forensic linguistic expertise solves the problem of establishing the presence or absence of some signs of extremism. These studies are carried out after the dissemination of various extremist materials by the media. With the help of such information, a negative perception is formed in relation to some religious, national groups, which creates all the conditions for inciting illegal violent actions, and also generates social intolerance. In this case, interfaith and interethnic conflicts may appear. To solve such a problem, experts identify a semantic orientation in statements and texts.

The main focus of the expertise: The tasks of linguistic expertise are clarification, interpretation of the origin of words and their meanings, as well as some phraseological expressions. These studies interpret the main and additional meaning of a linguistic unit or a unit of written and spoken speech. The interpretation of the text of the document is given when establishing options for understanding the main provisions within the framework of modern discourse. The study of verbal designations, trademarks, slogans, commercial and brand names on the issue of their identity or similarity to the level of confusion with other designations is carried out. A study of text fragments is carried out in order to determine the semantic orientation, expressiveness of speech units, modality of proportions, the specifics of the stylistic techniques and means used.

Expertise subject: The subject of forensic linguistic expertise is the circumstances and facts, which are based on studies of the laws of the functioning and existence of language.

The purpose of this study is to establish whether the text or its passage contains a certain meaning, which is prosecuted in accordance with the charges brought against the author.

The tasks of linguistic expertise are interpretation and clarification:

- words and expressions;
- positions of documentary text to establish possible options for its understanding;
- any text to reveal its meaning;
- various brand names to determine their similarity with others.

Linguistic expertise methods:

- for written texts - a comprehensive language analysis (morphological, stylistic, lexical, etc.);
- for sound objects - in addition to the above methods, instrumental and auditory analysis and assessment of speech culture are used.

Forensic language expertise becomes relevant when it comes to civil, criminal or arbitration proceedings on charges of libel, insult, violation of copyright, initiation of national, racial and religious struggle, in cases of extremism, as well as in the protection of honor, dignity and business reputation.

Often, it is necessary to involve specialists from other sciences - psychology, cultural studies, political science, history and others - in the linguistic examination for consultation. Such a study is called **a comprehensive linguistic examination**.

There are different types of expert research, but we will focus on the most common ones.

1) Authorship research: The purpose of the procedure is to identify not the performer, but the author of the text. The need for it arises in 2 cases:

- if the author is not identified, it is necessary to determine whether the text contains information about the author and the circumstances of the creation of this text;
- if the author is known, but his authorship still needs to be proven.

The text certainly reflects the psychological traits of the author. Therefore, when evaluating the psychological and psychiatric information contained in the text, it makes sense to conduct a comprehensive study and resort to the help of a psychologist and psychiatrist.

2) Semantic research: Its other name is semantic. It is based on semantics - a section of the science of language that studies the meaning and meaning of words and expressions. Semantic research is carried out in order to:

- identify and analyze the meanings in the texts;
- establish the volume and content of the concepts present in the text;
- determine the degree of adequacy of the content of the studied text.

In semantic research, one nuance is very important - the meanings of words and expressions that are given in encyclopedic publications cannot be considered in isolation from the real situation. Therefore, the expert needs to be fully aware of the events and conditions described in the text.

3) Research of names: A text from one or several words falls under the study. Any medium where the investigated name is present (even a print on paper) is considered the object of examination. Here it is important to analyze the name according to the following criteria:

- compliance with the norms of the literary language;
- how original it is;
- whether it contains references to the phenomena of objective reality.

How to carry out a linguistic examination.

1) Choosing an expert company: First, find out what the company's reputation is, whether there are negative reviews and how long it has been around. Be sure to check the licenses to carry out expert activities and check the track record of the experts themselves. As we have already said, a specialist must have a philological education.

2) We get advice from an expert linguist: The most objective result depends primarily on how accurately and correctly you formulate the questions. Vague or vague wording will complicate the work of an expert and not in the best way affect the course of the process and the final conclusions.

3) We provide the necessary materials for an expert: When a linguistic examination is carried out, the sample text is just as important as the precise setting of goals and objectives. The fact is that for different types of research, an expert requires different carriers of the text.

4) We look forward to conducting research: Specific terms are always individual. If the case is ordinary and not complicated by any factors, you will have to wait at least 5 days. If additional research is needed and the conclusion of specialists in other fields, the case may be delayed. Then it will be about 10 days.

5) We get an expert opinion: It contains a list of the materials under study, the questions that were posed to the expert, a detailed presentation of the process and conclusions. It also provides information about the expert institution and the date of the examination. The most important point in the introductory part is the name of the expert and data on his education and qualifications.

When is linguistic expertise needed?

Making a speech can be a source of evidentiary information necessary for the disclosure and investigation of criminal offenses, administrative offenses or contributing to the objective resolution of civil disputes.

Most often, linguistic expertise is needed when the text provoked a conflict or information dispute. And this conflict turned into a statement to the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Uzbekistan or the investigating authorities, and maybe it reached the court.

Linguistic experts analyze controversial texts, and their conclusion becomes evidence in the following categories of court cases:

1. **Protection of honor, dignity and business reputation, libel.** What the expert does: establishes the circumstances that are significant from the point of view of the resolution of the relevant information dispute by the court: identification of the negative (information that negatively characterizes specific persons), establishing the form of expression of information in the text (facts and opinions), establishing the authorship of controversial statements.

2. **Insult.** What the expert does: Reveals negative evaluative information about a specific person; determines the indecency of the form of expression of evaluative information; establishes the targeted use of negative assessments; identifies the author of the controversial statement.

3. **Verbal extremism.** What the expert does: establishes objective signs of verbal extremism (appeal, focus on inciting hatred or enmity on the basis of national, social, confessional and similar affiliation, justification of terrorism).

4. **Protection of copyright** for works of literature (fiction, journalistic, technical, other special literature and documentation). What the expert does: analyzes the individualizing features of the text, which makes it possible to determine its status (original or derived).

5. **Extortion and other forms of mental violence, bribe, bribe provocation.** What the expert does: determines the communicative role that each of the interlocutors plays when discussing a particular issue; reveals communicative intentions (threat, demand, request, etc.).

6. **Unfair competition,** advertising, promotion of pornography, drugs, consumer deception, unfair competition.

7. **Documentary expertise.** What the expert does: establishes the true meaning of the texts of official business documents.

Conclusion.

Let's summarize. Linguistic expertise is the study of a text according to various parameters, which is used in court proceedings as evidence. Now you know what it is, what is the purpose of research and how to choose an expert company. Summing up the above material, we note that linguistic expertise is a fairly effective tool in any legal process that allows you to determine the reliability of the text being checked. This procedure is an important element in resolving many disputes.

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