

PRESS RELEASE

THERE MUST BE A “SINGLE BAR” IN INDONESIA ADVOCACY

Jakarta (1/5/09) - UPH Graduate Program held a one-day seminar entitled "Choosing a Profession Advocate That Suitable with Indonesian Law" in order to add provisions for students to be qualified advocates. The seminar that presents the senior advocates, among others: Member of DPR-RI Commission III Gaius Lumbuun, former Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Mangkoedilaga, and Chairman PERADI Otto Hasibuan, gain the Faculty of Law Magister Program students of Pelita Harapan University interest.

Member of DPR-RI Commission III, Gaius Lumbuun said not only the secular world, the seat of Indonesia government such as Supreme Court Justice seats also need to be filled by people who have strong background advocacy.

Former Chief Justice, Benjamin Mangkoedilaga, adding Lumbuun statement, said that Indonesia desperately needed an advocate, an advocate of quality as in the days before Indonesia's independence. "We invite our relatives who would become advocates to keep trying to advance the state judicial system," he said.

Lumbuun states, the public perception of an advocate for the profession is not suitable with the functions of the real advocates. According to him, up until today society considers this profession as a labor advocate who is only paid to defend the rights of their clients in the legal field. Meanwhile, the fact is that this profession also acts as an advocate of law enforcement, like a Supreme Court Justice.

In this seminar, reappeared a discussion of the dispute over the legal advocate organization in Indonesia. PERADI Chairman, Otto Hasibuan said, "I do not see the possibility of reconciliation because it is no dispute. What is certain is our goal is to enforce the law."

This is also discussed in Mangkoedilaga seminar that held in UPH Postgraduate Campus building, Wisma Slipi-Jakarta. Mangkoedilaga stated that this problem is like a time bomb and in fact must be resolved. However, responding to a statement that Hasibuan admitted no dispute that occurred between PERADI and KAI, Mangkoedilaga stated, "It can't be solved by law and justice, because however, there is no conflict."

Meanwhile, Hasibuan and Lumbuun are both agree that the need for coherence

in the government determine who will be a 'single bar' in Indonesia Advocacy. "The problem is, now there are two bars advocacy, PERADI and KAI," said Lumbuun. Hasibuan himself stated, "There's no institution that is not recognized PERADI as an Indonesia advocacy institution". Problems that have not been found a way out bring concerns about how the continuation of the development in Indonesia advocacy, particularly in education advocacy.

Served as moderator of this seminar, the Vice Chairman of UPH Law School Master Program, Lintong Siahaan expressed concern over the Indonesia future advocates that had just finished their education and will soon enroll to take the advocacy membership exam.

Responding to this, Mangkoedilaga states that he does not want to give a damn. "Basically we all as a legal profession only has one intend, to uphold the justice," he said. Mangkoedilaga also added advocacy students in Indonesia need education that is more interested in specializing in certain areas.

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