differential pricing of air tickets according to whether the journey originated inside or outside Germany could be regarded as prohibited as abusive of a dominant position under article 86, EEC, and if so, as to the position of a national regulatory body that has approved the scheme. The answers will no doubt further hasten the demise of organized airfare price fixing in Europe.

Greece*

A Bill introducing major changes to several provisions of the Lawyers’ Code, a law which has been in existence since 1954, has been passed by the Greek Parliament following long debates and objections between the Members of Parliament of practically all the political parties.

The most important change is that which introduces the Company of Lawyers for the first time in Greece. More specifically, article 1, paragraph 2 of the new Law provides that two or more lawyers can constitute a noncapital company with an object to render lawyers’ services jointly. The same article also provides that the type of the company, the conditions for such a company’s constitution and the possible acquisition of a legal personality by the Company, the form and the contents of its memorandum of association, the possible registered capital, the way of managing, administrating, terminating, and liquidating the company, as well as every other detail covering its operation, shall be specified by Presidential Decrees following relevant suggestions by the Minister of Justice on which all the Bar Associations of the Country should have previously expressed their opinion.

The new Law puts an end to a situation in which Greek lawyers practiced law as individuals and the only ways of collaboration between lawyers were either: (1) to share common offices and other means by splitting the expenses; or (2) to employ other lawyers at a monthly salary.

The passing of the above Bill was absolutely necessary. It means that the systematic and collective organization of Greek lawyers will obtain, in line with the free movement of lawyers and lawyers’ services provided by the European Economic Community legislation that is soon to apply to Greece.


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