ABSTRACT

(In The Light of the Ruling by the European Court of Human Rights The Right to a Fair Trial in Civil Proceedings)

With the rise of awareness regarding the subject of human rights and freedom in our democratic, social state of law where the right to a fair trial is in growing demand, it is seen more as a right concerning criminal law. Although, a trial being fair is not only a requirement needed to be provided for criminal law, but all legal judgments especially the law of civil proceedings being the topic of this project. Otherwise, justice will not only appear to be lost within in society, but individuals will also lose their trust in law and justice.

According to the understanding of natural law, the human rights (the fundamental right and freedoms) a person is independently and equally born with, human honour carries a special importance. The idea of human honour, forming the foundation of human rights and requirements for human rights, renders it prioritised and universal from all other forms of political, economic and moral rights. It is for this reason, that the basic human right to a fair trial carries a universal requirement.

Since the dawn of judgment systems, many international and supra-national documents have been provided in order to distinguish right from wrong and provide justice, in other words for judgment to be just and a trial to be fair. As for justice in our day, in article 6. of the European Convention on Human Rights a binding statement is found for the right to fair trial and its international validity.

The topic of the book being the right to a fair trial in civil proceedings, article 6/I of the European Convention on Human Rights being examined is to be taken as a basis, other clauses of the

article and rulings of the convention are also mentioned accordingly. Further examined and taken as basis are the rulings given by the European Court of Human Rights regarding civil law and liability terms, and inferences applicable to civil trial have been attained in the direction of these rulings.

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