

**A CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE: SUGGESTION FOR A
DOCUMENTARY FILM.
BUCHAREST STREETS NAMED AFTER LAWYERS**

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ABSTRACT: *Countless future civil servants, students of the National School for Political Science and Public Administration, walk down the same sidewalk, unknowing, failing to orient themselves towards studying the history of the very communities they will serve, oblivious to their obligation to protect and bring out their material and immaterial heritage. Architectural heritage must be known and preserved by future public agents, who thereby build local identity, helping respect and defend the specific flavor of every neighborhood. This also goes for toponymic heritage. As shown in the two Reports, issued in 2008 (“Romania has failed to take efficient measures in order to conform with the provisions of international conventions they have signed and with the factor of public interest represented by cultural and natural heritage”) and 2009 by the Presidential Committee for heritage buildings, historic and natural landmark, the situation is grim. Public authorities have not yet considered compiling an explanatory index of Bucharest street names. The city’s toponymic heritage is nevertheless of great historical and spiritual importance. The present article focuses on a single thematic segment: Bucharest streets dedicated to famous lawyers. One could separate the toponymic material geographically, according to city districts, but we believe it is more relevant to talk about practicing lawyers on one hand, and historical figures who were mostly active in other fields but have a background of legal training on the other.*

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