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The first and second questions of Fatwa no. (3532):

Q 1: We are preoccupied with some issues, including studying law at the Faculty of Law. The Muslims strongly disagree on this issue. I ask that Allah (may He be Praised and Exalted) guide you to clarify this issue for us, which includes:

(1) The ruling on studying man-made laws.

(2) The ruling on working as an attorney or a judge.

A: A person who studies man-made laws possessing the intellectual capacity to distinguish between truth and falsehood and who is protected by his Islam against deviation from the truth and attraction to falsehood can study this law with the intention of comparing between the rulings of Islam with man-made laws in order to show the advantages of the former. He should do so to prove that Sharia comprises all that people need to correct their worldly and religious affairs, as a means of establishing the truth and refuting the claims of those who say that man-made laws are enough. If this is the case , it is permissible to study them. Otherwise, it is impermissible. It is enough to study the Islamic rulings derived from the Qur'an and the authentic Sunnah according to the way of the scholars of Islam and the Salaf (righteous predecessors).

Second: If working as an attorney or a judge is a means to establish the truth, refute falsehood, returning rights to their owners and helping the oppressed,

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it is permissible as it is a form of cooperation in righteousness and Taqwa (fearing Allah as He should be feared). Otherwise, it is impermissible, because it involves cooperation in sin and transgression. Allah the Exalted stated, [﴿ Help you one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwâ \(virtue, righteousness and piety\); but do not help one another in sin and transgression. ﴾](#)(Surah Al-Ma'idah, 5: 2).

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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