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Abstract:

Independent on the minor's quality within the trial, the preparation of his/her hearing must consist both in general activities valid for any hearing, independent on the person's age and also in specific activities requested by the age and the degree of his/her mental development. The personality of the underage delinquent represents the result of permanent and multiple relations with mutual influence and interdependence, both between the main features of the underage personality belonging to someone who has committed an offence and between his/her personality. This is considered to be a biological, psychological, social and cultural evolving personality and distinctive environmental features that surround the underage individual. The minor offender's hearing preparation is done by the criminal investigation authorities that must have all the information that characterise the psychology and the personality of the minor. Like any other hearing, it will start with the identification of the minor and the preliminary discussions that establish the first psychological contact between the investigator and the minor. During the free speech, the investigator must have a lot of patience; he/she must not intervene only if the minor is diverging from the subject of the conversation. The most important phase of the minor's hearing is the questions and answers phase that unfolds considering the rules applicable in the minor's hearing phase.

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