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Relationship between Russian and international law: main issues

Keywords: International law; domestic law; international legal framework; national legal framework; treaties

The questions of relationship between international and Russian law as well as the issue of incorporation of international legal norms into national legislation bear considerable importance in the present context. The authors analyze the existing approaches towards analysis and resolution of these questions.

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Self-employment as form of atypical employment

Keywords: Self-employment; atypical employment; labour relations; personal labor scope of law

The author analyzes the unfair practice of compelling workers to choose self-employment, which may cause infringement of employees' rights. The author purports that the scope of certain legal norms of labour legislation should cover self-employed workers to ensure protection of their rights and avoid unfair practices.

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Legal nature of rule on reduction of losses

Keywords: Losses; reduction of losses; causal link; liability; civil law obligation; good faith; reasonableness

Being vague and inchoate the rule on reduction of losses has entailed a number of problems and issues related to the legal doctrine and practice of tort law. The author draws such a conclusion from the analysis of foreign legal practice.

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Legal regulation of pipeline transport as part of international transportation system

Keywords: Pipeline transport; cross-border pipeline; sources of legal regulation; transportation law; transportation system; transportation legislation

Providing a number of real cases, the author highlights the importance of pipeline transport for the economy of the 21st century. The author also analyzes the sources of pipeline transport regulation and draws up a six-level classification of international regulation of pipeline transport.

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Decisions with prejudice delivered by courts of foreign states

Keywords: Prejudice; court; sentence; evidence; treaty

The author considers the notion of prejudice as applied to court decisions, in particular, those delivered by foreign courts in the course of international cooperation on criminal cases. The author shares his suggestions regarding future legislative changes that would allow to recognize foreign decisions with prejudice within the framework of the Russian criminal procedure.

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Legal representation under rules of civil procedure

Keywords: Representation; legal representative; types of legal representation; legal capacity

The institute of legal representation is analyzed from the point of procedural and substantive legal norms. The authors argue that to discuss the essence and content of the concept one should apply the principle of restrictive interpretation.

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Strategic planning documents and implementation of measures of SMEs support

Keywords: Small and medium-sized business; documents for strategic planning; state support; priorities of regional development; strategy of regional development

The author analyzes the documents for strategic planning in the sphere of small and medium-sized business. In particular, the author looks into the effectiveness of these documents which implementation was contingent on the adoption and enforcement of the legal acts on support measures for SMEs. Based on the results of economic surveys the author discusses further possible developments of the strategic planning system that would be primarily focused on regional development.

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Fraud committed by means of electronic payments: issues of qualification

Keywords: Bank card; money; fraud; theft; electronic means of payment

Based on the analysis of relevant court practice, the authors analyze the elements of the crime provided in article 159 of the Russian Federation Criminal Code. The analysis focuses on the means and methods employed by criminals and the problem of distinguishing the elements of crime from those provided in par. D p. 3 art. 158 of the Russian Federation Criminal Code.

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Legal norms and critical digressions

Keywords: Crises; legal regulation; law enforcement; legal risks

One of the acute topics nowadays deals with the analysis of the legislative activity in critical situations. Law has a tremendous effect on social and economic processes and is affected by those processes as well. However, not always do laws provide an adequate representation of the real situation which means that laws may not be effective under critical circumstances. Therefore, assessment and mitigation of risks represent important tasks as well.

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Andrey Yanuarievich Vyshinsky (1883—1954), statesman and legal scholar.

Article thirty-six

Keywords: USSR; mass repressions in 1937—1938; NKVD; Office of Public Procurator of the USSR; A.Ya. Vyshinsky

The article continues the series of works devoted to the professional career and academic legacy of A.Ya. Vyshinsky. The author turns to the analysis of the mass repressions during the second half of 1937 and the first half of 1938 and analyzes the role of A.Ya. Vyshinsky, the Public Procurator of the USSR at that time.

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Economic crimes in the context of Regulations of Criminal Proceedings of 1864: basic concepts and its role in criminal procedure system

Keywords: Regulations of criminal proceedings of 1864; special rules of general criminal procedure; classification in criminal procedure

The last few years have seen an emerging tendency towards the development of a special proceeding for economic crimes. From the point of legal doctrine this also means creating the necessary legal framework. The author, guided by the same considerations, analyzes the special provisions of Regulations of criminal proceedings of 1864 and outlines the basic concepts of the proceeding for the investigation and prosecution of cases involving economic crimes.

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Collection of evidence: scope of powers of investigator

Keywords: Proof; collection of evidence; powers; inquiry; request for production of documents; production of evidence; investigative activity

The author analyzes the accepted scholarly views on the notion of 'collection of evidence', discusses the practical aspects and problems of evidence collection and compares the existing definitions of the notion of 'investigative activity'. The author suggests introducing amendments to art.5 and art.38 of the Russian Federation Criminal Procedure Code; such amendments would ensure a more successful implementation of legal norms on evidence collection in the course of investigative activity.