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Information support to litigants in civil proceedings

Keywords: Adversarial nature of civil procedure; court functions; active role of court; information support of court; application of limitations period
Providing information support to litigants in civil cases is one of the most important functions of the court within adversarial justice. The author analyzes the kinds, content of information support as well as grounds for seeking such support and the respective procedure. The author discusses the consequences of the court's failure to comply with the duty to provide information support to the litigants.

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Securing evidence and principle of direct procedure

Keywords: Securing of evidence; principle of direct procedure; initial evidence; derivative evidence
The author analyzes the mutual effect of the institute of securing of evidence and the principle of direct procedure, reviews current scholarly opinions on the matter and provides his own view. The author believes that securing of evidence can be attributed to the exceptions to the principle of direct procedure.

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Business relations and unfair contract terms

Keywords: Contract; contract of adhesion; lease agreement; service agreement; bank account agreement; invalidity of contract terms
Based on the analysis of the latest court decisions and commentaries of Russian Federation Supreme Court the author analyses typical unfair terms in contract of lease, service contracts and bank account contracts.

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Autonomous regulation in company

Keywords: Company; decisions of company; annual general meeting decisions; shareholder's agreement; constitutional documents
The paper analyzes the nature of independent actions undertaken by the members of a company when exercising their rights and duties. The author discusses the characteristics of decisions of a company, which are instrumental in the autonomous regulation of property and personal non-property relations, underlining the role of the common will of company members which is crucial for fulfillment of their general rights and duties.

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Farms as special party in deals of purchase of land plots

Keywords: Farm; legal status; land plots; special party; purchase (grant) of land plots
The paper analyzes the provisions of the Russian Federation Land Code which lay down certain benefits for the purchase of land plots by farms. The author indicates the scope of such norms considering legal requirements on competition protection.

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Prosecutor's powers for protection of business parties: from oversight to coordination

Keywords: Prosecutor; business parties; powers; competence; coordination; oversight
The paper focuses on the prosecutorial oversight over protection of rights of business parties, the author analyzes the powers of prosecutor in this sphere, the classification of these powers and their characteristics. The author concludes this sphere may represent a specific avenue of the prosecutorial oversight whereas the respective functions of the prosecutor may be confined to coordination. The author discusses the possibilities of further development of the legislation in this sphere.

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Legal regulation of sponsorship: current situation and prospects of development

Keywords: Civil law; business activity; charity; business contract; sponsorship activity; social accountability of business; public welfare
The paper analyzes the problem of developing the legal framework for different charity programs. To this end, according to the scholars, the legislator should focus on sponsorship activity, thus they explain why a new law on sponsorship activity should be passed.

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Non-material interests as basis of author's moral rights

Keywords: Moral rights; personality rights; authorship right; right to name; right of publicity; elements of disposal in personality rights; right to prevent false attribution of authorship
Basic personality rights — right to name, right to publicity and others — cannot be exploited commercially or waived. The Russian Civil law reform though brought in changes favorable for the commercial use and the interests of third parties, which sparked the debates over transferability of such rights by way of a unilateral or bilateral agreements.

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Scope of persons with rights to dispose of body of deceased: prospects of Russian court practice in light of foreign law practice

Keywords: Body of deceased; right of burial; persons with right to dispose of dead body
The paper analyzes the determination by the court of the scope of persons authorized to dispose of the body of the deceased. Since Russian law offers no approaches which would help resolve conflicts between persons exercising the same rights, the authors suggest several alternatives some of which are based on foreign legal practice. The authors believe the most effective one would be to limit the scope of such persons.

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Possibilities of codification of federal electoral legislation

Keywords: Elections; electoral legislation; systematization of legislation; incorporation; consolidation; codification; Electoral Code
Over the past 30 years, we witnessed a consistent evolution of electoral legislation. Current legal framework is constituted by three Federal Laws, whereas every constituent entity of the Russian Federation develops and puts into effect local legislative frameworks in this sphere. Such an arrangement resulted into a regulatory overlap. The author argues that the solution to the problem of inefficiency of electoral legislation lies in creating a single electoral code.

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Andrey Yanuarievich Vyshinsky (1883—1954), statesman and legal scholar. Article sixty-seven

Keywords: USSR; repressions; USSR General Procurator Office; NKVD USSR; N.I. Ezhov; A.Ya. Vyshinsky
The paper continues the series of works devoted to the professional career and academic legacy of A.Ya. Vyshinsky. The author discusses A.Ya. Vyshinsky's work as Procurator General in late 1938.

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On enhancing criminal responsibility for crimes of sabotage and terrorism

Keywords: Terrorism; crimes of terrorism; sabotage; forming sabotage group; abetting sabotage; dangerous biological objects
The paper discusses the changes to the criminal legislation of the Russian Federation related to the enhancing of criminal responsibility for crimes of sabotage and terrorist activity. The proposed changes stem from the necessity to specify the characteristics of actus reus.