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Draft of Uniform Sales Law of Rome Institute of League of Nations: draft version (foreword and Russian version)

Keywords: Contract of international sale of goods; international unification of laws
Readers have a great opportunity to study the Russian version of the first draft of the Uniform Sales law developed in 1935 by the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law headquartered in Rome (currently UNIDROIT). The first draft gave rise to Uniform Law on the International Sale of Goods (the Hague, July 1, 1964) and subsequently to the larger document of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (UNCITRAL) – the famous Vienna Convention. The first draft of Uniform Law on Sale of Goods has had a long history and a significant impact, and its translation into Russian language has been a long-awaited event.

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Forms of corruption in Moscow of XV—XVI centuries

Keywords: Corruption; bribe; gift; history of law; Russian law; Moscow (city-state)
The authors consider the forms of corruption that persisted in Moscow (city-state) in XV—XVI centuries; the imposition of legislative changes prohibiting Moscow officials from accepting gifts and bribes failed to achieve the intended effect. At the same time the prohibitions introduced in Russian law in XV—XVI centuries defined the content of the new institute of malfeasance in office.

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Applying general provisions on obligations to rights deriving from corporate relations

Keywords: Corporate relations; obligations; corporate rights; company; restrictive interpretation

The scope of subpar. 1 par. 3 of the Article 307.1 of the Russian Civil Code does not cover corporate non-proprietary rights (related to business management) which lessens the practical value of the provision and does not allow to work out the criteria of its applicability. It is further suggested that the scope of the provision in question should be changed to eliminate possible limitations and hindrances.

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Bill of lading: legal nature and functions

Keywords: Bill of lading; security; on-board bill of lading; contract; consignee; consignor; carrier

In the article the author discusses the three main functions of the bill of lading: it serves as a document of title to the goods, it acknowledges the receipt of goods and it serves as evidence of contract. The analysis shows the bill of lading serves as evidence of contract between the carrier and the shipper, however in case of transfer of the bill of lading it will constitute an agreement deriving from stipulations contained in the bill of lading.

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Legal regulation of parliamentary procedures

Keywords: Sources of law; parliamentary procedure; constitution; law; parliamentary procedure; parliamentary tradition; parliamentary custom; parliamentary precedent; Presidential address; Queen's speech

Parliamentary procedures legitimize the decisions taken by Parliament, they help ensure its management and effective operation. The author analyzes various legal sources of legal regulation of parliamentary procedures of common law and civil law countries. Considered to be a controversial source of regulation the Presidential address to the Parliament is closely examined by the author.

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Local self-governance entities in Krasnoyarsk krai

Keywords: Local governance entity; Krasnoyarski krai; municipality; right to local self-governance

The author analyzes the legal framework of local governance and local governance implementation in Krasnoyarski krai given that the needs and interests of ethnic minorities living in this region should be taken into consideration. The author suggests a new system of local governance entities should be introduced in Krasnoyarski krai.

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Judicial reform of 1864 — 'renaissance' of Russian constitutionalism

Keywords: Judicial reform; court; constitution; justice; judicial branch; legal profession

The judicial reform of 1864 is considered to be a watershed moment in the history of Russian constitutionalism. The scope of analysis covers three attempts to relaunch the judicial reform and their implications for the legal framework. In particular, the author analyzes the articles on the judicial branch contained in the three drafts of the constitution: pre-revolutionary; Soviet and post-Soviet.

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Role of budget expenditures in public administration: financial and economic analysis

Keywords: Budgetary expenditures; public administration; state programs; informative function; transparency; administrative discretion; public control

The paper aims to establish whether the legal framework for public administration and budget expenditures is sufficiently developed to settle social issues and needs. It is suggested that certain legal measures can help encourage the state to fulfil its duties with regard to such problems; such measures are thought to have potential to give rise to new improvements and changes in the budgetary legislation.

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

Keywords: USSR; mass repressions in 1937—1938; I.V. Stalin; N.I. Bukharin; NKVD; CC ARCP

The article continues the series of works devoted to the professional career and academic legacy of A.Ya. Vyshinsky. The author analyzes the process of trial preparation for the case against N.I. Bukharin.

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70th anniversary of forensic science department of Lomonosov Moscow State University Law School

Keywords: Lomonosov Moscow State University Law School; forensic science department; teaching and research practice; Forensic science centre; forensic science

Throughout its 70-year history the forensic science department of the Lomonosov Moscow State University Law School has made an enormous contribution to the development of forensic methods of crime investigation, development of forensic research and training a great number of highly-qualified forensic experts and scientists. The readers of the article are acquainted with the history and the main achievements of the forensic science department.

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Establishing proof in cases against criminal organizations: evidence obtained through investigative activity

Keywords: Investigative activity; criminal case; investigation; evidence obtained through investigation; elements of crime; criminal organization; element of proof

The author discusses the problems of establishing proof using evidence obtained through investigative activity in the cases subject to the Article 210 of the Russian Criminal Code. The author analyzes the elements of the crime, and the major characteristics of a criminal organization that must be established subject to the Article 210. The author suggests a new definition of a criminal organization. The author also discusses the problems of criminal prosecution against heads of criminal organizations and considers possible ways of solving those problems.