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### Dual citizenship and status of foreign investor: retrospective analysis of the Russian legislation

**Keywords:** Dual citizenship, foreign investor, foreign investment

Can Russian citizens with dual citizenship be recognized as foreign investors? Will such nationals have the investment guarantees and exemptions established by the legislation on foreign investment? The article attempts to analyze different approaches that have been accepted in Russian law to tackle this issue.

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### Military police: legal status and authority

**Keywords:** Law and crime in RF military, military police in foreign countries, proposals on vesting the RF military police with functions and powers

Recently Russia has established military police that reports to the RF Ministry of Defense. The author analyzes the foreign practice of military police work, the author also analyzes the work of military organs which were functioning in pre-revolutionary Russia. The author suggests his view on enhancing the legal status of Russian military police.

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### Legal expert review — systematic evaluation of legal act quality

**Keywords:** Law examination, regulatory act, legislation framework, mistake of law, legal and technical analysis

The article outlines the institutional and practical nature of legal expert review, and justifies its comprehensive nature. Based on the characteristics of inherent procedures of legal expert review, the author analyzes some drawbacks of regulatory acts.

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### Legal status of preference shares (comparative law analysis)

**Keywords:** Share, preferred share, ordinary share, vote, debt security, legal status

The article deals with general provisions regarding the concept and legal status of preference shares under Russian and foreign legislation. The author provides a comparative law analysis of the concept 'preference share'.

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### Tax optimization: right, restraint, or balance of interest

**Keywords:** Tax optimization, tax benefit, tax evasion

Tax optimization — legal tax reduction or a straight way to jail? Court practice has not yet defined criteria and tax reduction permissible limit. The author analyzes law

enforcement practice dealing with the issues of tax minimization and justifies proposals aimed at optimization of tax legislation.

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### Legal status of spousal property: comparative analysis of Russian and German practice

**Keywords:** Legal status of spousal property, community property, Russia, Germany

The author points out the peculiarities of legal status of spousal property relations under the effective legislation of the Russian Federation and Germany.

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### Russian and foreign criminal law on protection of dignity and honor

**Keywords:** Dignity and honor, general elements of the crime, defamation and insult, special elements of crime providing for protection of dignity and honor, foreign practice

The article provides analysis of international standards of human rights, the RF Constitution, Russian and foreign criminal law. Also author observes dignity and honor as one of the crucial human values. Based on the analysis the author suggest her view on elements of defamation and insult, and specific elements of crimes which aim to protect the dignity and honor of an individual in the Special part of the RF Criminal Code.

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### Ban on promotion of social superiority, hatred and enmity: problems of legal regulation

**Keywords:** Social superiority, social hatred, social group, ban on propaganda

Based on the study of legal regulation of categories of social superiority, enmity and hatred in Russian and foreign legislation the authors outline characteristics of a social group, determine the legal meaning of 'hatred', 'enmity', 'discord', 'supremacy'. The authors point out the necessity to enhance the legal regulation of the corresponding types of cases in Russian legislation.

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### Crimea and Russia: reunification from international law perspective

**Keywords:** International law, Crimea, referendum, right to self-determination, secession, Kosovo precedent

The article provides a legal analysis of the reunion of Crimea and Russia. While admitting that secession of Crimea from Ukraine has not been finalized under the requirements of the Constitution of Ukraine and the Constitution of Crimea, the author gives the whole string of arguments in favor of its legitimacy from the perspective of modern international law, international rule of law and western law tradition.

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### Provisions on nullity of contract in the context of Russian civil law modernization

**Keywords:** Nullity of transactions, contract, null contract, voidable contract, convalidation, void transaction, invalidation of the contract

The author analyzes modifications of draft of changes to the RF Civil Code regarding provisions on nullity of contracts. The author analyzes advantages and drawbacks of enacting these norms.