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#### **Financial inquiry bodies: legal framework aspects**

**Keywords:** Finance; financial inquiry; financial inquiry bodies; financial security  
Financial inquiry bodies are one of the most important elements in the mechanism providing economic security of the country. It has been quite common for Russian and international practice, and it is used as a tool to control and maintain business security. The author analyzes the essence of the notion. Also the author observes the organization of financial inquiry bodies and main objectives of their work.

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#### **'Law about laws' 2.0: second attempt**

**Keywords:** Theory of state and law; regulatory act; publication of legal acts; resolution of disputes; construction of legal acts; legal method

In December 2014 the RF Ministry of Justice presented its draft of a federal law 'On regulatory acts in the Russian Federation'. This is the second attempt of the government to implement the idea regarding unification of law-making issues. The author of the article highlights the most interesting and challenging novels of the 'Law on laws'. The author aims to analyze the objectives of the law and tries to understand whether the creators of the law managed to systematize regulatory acts, adjust their life cycle and improve the legal method.

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#### **Vague terms of commercial contracts**

**Keywords:** Contract; interpretation of contract; freedom of contract; contract terms; vague terms

In the article the author analyzes paragraph 11 of the RF Supreme Commercial Court Plenum Decision 'On freedom of contracts and its limitations'. In particular, the article focuses on the arbitrazh court practice as regards application of this paragraph. The author comes to a conclusion that scope of its application should be restricted.

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#### **Role of court staff in civil procedure legal relations**

**Keywords:** Arbitrazh procedure; civil procedure; participants of civil procedure; parties of civil procedure relations; parties to a case; officer of the court; other participants of the procedure

The existing legislation vests in the court chairman broad authority to influence on the progress of the procedure. However, when it comes to exercising this authority, neither laws of procedure nor legal doctrine provide for the role of the chairman in the procedure. Besides, the laws of procedure attribute court clerks and court secretaries to officers of the court. Such approach creates confusion since laws do not clearly spell out the roles of court staff in civil procedure. This problem has to be taken into account for drafting of the RF Civil procedure code.

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#### **Reform of legal entities institution: lexical and semantic aspect**

**Keywords:** Civil law terminology; law language; legal vocabulary; legal method; legal entities

The defects of law language show certain degree of neglect occurring at the drafting stage. Such situation leads to serious problems of interpretation and application of legal norms. The author analyzes some lexical and semantic mistakes using the example of terminology regarding updated institution of legal entities.

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#### **Practical features of applying forensics in criminal procedure in the context of modern legal framework**

**Keywords:** Forensics; competent persons; expert conclusion; specialist conclusion  
The article observes practical features of applying forensics in criminal proceedings. In particular, the authors demonstrate that expert and specialist approaches to use

of forensics are closely connected. The article shows that modern legal framework reveals certain problems connected to investigation practice and crime detection. The authors draw attention to the changes made to part 1 art.144 of the RF Criminal procedure code.

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#### **Legal theory basis of public companies**

**Keywords:** Public companies; types of business incorporation; regulatory act; restructuring and liquidation of a public company

The author reviews different types of public companies and their distinct features. The author also discusses their main principles of work. The author also draws attention to a contradiction lying in the nature of public company since this independent business entity which also fulfills social functions of the state. In certain situations interests of a public company may not go hand in hand with public interests.

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#### **Usucaption: traditions and prospects of civil law regulation**

**Keywords:** Civil law; property rights; right in things; usucaption; legal grounds for acquisition of ownership right; good faith

Usucaption as institution of civil law was brought back to Russia in the 1990s and it was codified in Part 1 of the RF Civil code. Yet, relevant court practice and problems with construing usucaption have revealed flaws of the existing norms. Trends in the development of civil legislation show that law-makers decided to abandon the notion of good faith as element of usucaption. The author discusses reasonableness of this approach by studying the history of the institute and by comparing Russian and foreign civil law regulation, and by analyzing current court practice.

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#### **Employment as determined by Russian and UK courts**

**Keywords:** Employment agreement; criteria of employment agreement; employment; court practice

Distinguishing between employment agreements and commercial contracts might be difficult. This problem is a frequent issue before courts in Russia and United Kingdom. The author analyzes different approaches adopted by courts to determine employment.

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#### **Development of Civil code of laws draft and development of civil law science in Russia at the end of XIX — early XX century. Article three.**

**Keywords:** Civil law of the Russian Empire; draft of Civil code of laws 1898—1905

The article observes how the drafters of Civil code of laws tackled the issue of its framework. It also presents analysis of terminology used in Civil code of laws, and it shows how the drafting process was arranged.

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#### **RF Supreme court jurisdiction over business disputes**

**Keywords:** Arbitrazh procedure; jurisdiction; RF Supreme Court competence

The article analyzes jurisdiction of the RF Supreme Court over business disputes. This issue remains quite vague which contradicts the norm of the RF Constitution. The author concludes it is necessary to resolve this problem in order to better systematize legislation on jurisdiction and court practice.

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#### **Legal status of patented inventions**

**Keywords:** Patented invention; exclusive right; right to a reward; employee; employer

The article concerns legal status of patented inventions. The author defines the essence, the functional purpose of this institution. The author also determines criteria to classify patented inventions as work-related. Also the article reviews effectiveness of remuneration procedure provided by law in order to reward workers-inventors.