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NORTH-CAUCASIAN FEDERAL DISTRICT AS PART OF RUSSIA: GROUNDS OF FORMATION AND DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF ADMINISTRATION

Keywords: public interregional administration, public territorial administration, federal district, constituent units of the Russian Federation, Presidential Plenipotentiary Envoy to North-Caucasian federal.

The author concentrates on the matters of current public interregional administration in the South of Russian. There is analysis of constituent members of the recently created North-Caucasian federal district which is compared with other federal formations in terms of public administration. Positive and negative effects of the North-Caucasian federal district formation and operation are determined and further possible restructuring tendencies are outlined.

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PROPRIETARY RIGHTS TO LAND IN RUSSIAN LAW AND IN SOME OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Keywords: restricted proprietary rights, system of proprietary rights, usufruct, servitude, superficies, emphyteusis, preemption right, mortgage.

Civil legislation development Concept of the Russian Federation suggests to introduce new types of restricted rights to things into Russian law which are recognized in the developed European nations and were applied in pre-revolutionary Russia. Such rights as usufruct, servitude, superficies, emphyteusis, preemption right, mortgage should be recognized as proprietary rights. The author applies comparative legal analysis to the existing restricted proprietary rights and proposes possible ways of making up types of restricted proprietary rights in Russian law.

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LEGAL NATURE AND CONTENT OF PLEDGE HOLDER'S PREEMPTIVE RIGHT

Keywords: pledge, pledge holder, legal nature, real credit, classification of legal relationships, preemptive rights, realization of right.

The author believes that preemption is an intrinsic feature of pledge which gives right to satisfaction from the debtor's pledged property and it is priority that reflects the essence of pledge as a form of real credit. Preemptive rights are grouped into a single category of subjective civil law rights because of the special nature of their enjoyment and a number of other additional qualities. Pledge is primarily considered as a preemptive right.

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SOME ISSUES OF LEGAL REGULATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

Keywords: outdoor advertising, advertising construction, permission to advertising construction building-up, contract to build-up and use advertising construction, lease contract, terms-of-use agreement.

Outdoor advertising is traditionally effective means of advertisement. The qualities of advertising construction and legal requirements to it are analyzed in the article. What kind of agreement is it which concerns the building-up and use of outdoor advertising? Should this agreement be subject to registration similarly as real estate lease contract?

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LEGAL ISSUES OF PRICE FORMATION AT RETAIL ELECTRICITY MARKET

Keywords: retail electricity market, liberalization, consumer, supplier of last resort, retail electricity company, rates and tariffs, monopoly, competitiveness.

Price formation at retail electricity market is complicated by the reformative processes going on in this sphere. The author examines the ways of protecting the rights of electricity consumers, attempts to determine "the weakest points" in price formation at the retail market which are caused by deficient legal regulation, and suggests some solutions to the problem.

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THE PROBLEM OF OBTAINING TESTIMONIAL EVIDENCE IN ADJUDICATING CIVIL DISPUTES

Keywords: testimonial evidence, civil proceeding, credibility of testimonial evidence, oath.

The article contains a comparative analysis of testimonial evidence provided by a witness in terms of its credibility in Russian, American and English court proceedings. The author describes how testimonial evidence effectively becomes probative evidence in Anglo-American civil proceedings. The author considers it expedient to apply the foreign experience in this field to defeat common distrust to testimonial evidence as less credible.

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CORRUPTION-RELATED CRIMES AND OFFENCES

Keywords: corruption, corruption-related offence, official, civil and municipal servants, bribe.

Anti-corruption legal measures should be undertaken in coordination with legal mechanisms applicable in other branches. However, there exist obvious contradictions among separate legal provisions on corruption-related crimes, misconduct in office, professional misconduct and civil wrongs. The author examines the evident conflicts in current legal rules and offers the ways to amend the existing anti-corruption laws and provisions.

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NEGATORY ACTION IN CIVIL LEGISLATION DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Keywords: negatory action, civil legislation development Concept, claim for ownership recognition, claim for exemption property from attachment, possessory protection, neighbouring tenements rights.

The author of the article examines the proposals aimed at improving the institution of negatory remedy as they are expressed in the civil legislation development Concept. The author justifies the possible introduction of possessory protection through negatory action. The analysis of deficient provisions set forth in article 304 of the Russian Civil Code enables the author to raise the question about the correlation between negatory action, on the one hand, and claim for ownership recognition and exemption of property from attachment, on the other.

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SOME ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTED PROHIBITION ON POSITIONS OVERLAPPING IN ENERGY INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF ENDING TRANSITION PERIOD IN ITS REFORMATION

Keywords: reformation of energy industry, positions overlapping in competing and natural monopolistic activities, negotiability of civil law rights.

Transition period in reforming the Russian energy industry is coming to an end in 2010. Are industrial groups ready to realize one of the main reform principles prohibiting positions overlapping in competing and natural monopolistic activities?

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LEGAL EDUCATION AND JURISPRUDENCE IN RUSSIA IN THE 1860S—1870S. ARTICLE 8

Keywords: history of the Russian legal education, history of the Russian jurisprudence, Moscow Imperial University Law School in the 1860—70s.

The article reveals the historical development of Moscow Imperial University Law school. It describes the Law School life and activities with special accent on its leading professors B.N.Chicherin, V.I.Sergeevich, S.A.Murmtsev.

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THE PUBLICITY PRINCIPLE IN CIVIL COURT PROCEEDINGS

Keywords: publicity principle, administration of civil justice, access to information, legal mechanisms of implementation, court ruling, court order, publication of information, courts site, communication relations, request.

The article offers the legal analysis of the Federal law "On ensuring access to information about courts practices in the Russian Federation" which took effect on July 1, 2010. The purpose of the law is to ensure information access to the administration of justice which implies that the principle of publicity will be enforced in practice and will not remain a mere declaration. The author examines the legal mechanisms provided by the law for implementing publicity in civil court proceedings.