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### Origins and development of forensic techniques in Russia

**Keywords:** Criminology; criminal investigation techniques

The article describes the origins and development of criminal investigation techniques and methods in Russia. The author points out the significant role of the founders of criminology in Russia and their scholarly contribution to the development of criminology.

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### Operator of nuclear installation: appointment and approval of organization

**Keywords:** Operator of nuclear installation; nuclear installation; operating entity; person liable for nuclear damage; civil liability for nuclear damage

The authors point out that current legal regulation of civil liability for nuclear damage in Russia calls for review. The article explains the necessity to establish a state procedure of appointing and approving organizations as operators of nuclear installation.

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### Legal acts of social partnership: occupational safety and health issues

**Keywords:** Occupational health and safety; social partnership; collective agreement

The institute of social partnership contains a lot of resources aimed at respecting the interests of employees and employers in the sphere of employment and occupational health and safety, in particular. The question is whether these resources are realized to full extent? The author analyzes the problems arising from provisions of social partnership acts on occupational health and safety.

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### EU restrictive measures: listing and delisting through family ties

**Keywords:** Restrictive measures; sanctions; international responsibility; ECJ; European Law

In 2016 the European Court of Justice is expected to hold first delisting processes that are initiated by Russian individuals and legal persons. Analyzing relevant precedents of the European Court of Justice, the author tries to discuss EU restrictive measures through lens of kinship and family ties. The case law analyzed has rules of procedural and substantive law that allow estimating the chances of claimants contesting the restrictions imposed.

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### Legal regulation of sponsorship

**Keywords:** Sponsorship; charity; non gratuitous contract; gratuitous contract

Sponsorship as a marketing tool has been widely used in our country. However, the scholarly research has not yet come up with a unified understanding of the nature of sponsorship. The article proves that a sponsorship contract can cover a charity act as well as commercial relations between the sponsor and the subrecipient. The article also shows that sponsorship agreement may not be limited to providing of advertising services and represents a special non-defined contract.

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### Conflict of claims: vehicle theft (stealing)

**Keywords:** Vehicle theft; theft; recovery; tort claim; property damage

In the light of the new position of the RF Constitutional Court the article points out that a vehicle thief has to compensate the damages incurred to the victim including vehicle damage and destruction as well as its misappropriation. This gives rise to the conflict of tort claim and recovery claim.

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### Criminal prosecution: call for additional powers of prosecutor

**Keywords:** Criminal prosecution; prosecutorial oversight; prosecutor's order; written instructions of prosecutor; investigator

The article suggests including some additions to the article 37 of the RF Criminal Procedure Code and explains why it is necessary to vest in prosecutors a power to issue written instructions in terms of criminal prosecution. The author also suggests reviewing the texts of part 2 and 1 of the article 37 in the RF Criminal procedure code.

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### Trusts: problems of legal classification

**Keywords:** International private law; trust; international transactions; beneficiaries; commercial contract; trust fund; English law; classification; lifting of corporate veil; beneficiary owner; Hague Trust Convention

Russian court practice is facing more and more cases concerning foreclosures on the deeds of trust. Deeds of trust are strange to continental system of law, as a result Russian courts find it difficult to classify such disputes. The article outlines possible resolution of the classification issue discussed.

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### Evidence and proof in administrative procedure

**Keywords:** Administrative procedure; evidence; proof; electronic documents; admissibility of evidence

Administrative procedure is a relatively new type of judicial examination and adjudication of legal disputes and other legal issues. The article examines some provisions of the RF administrative code concerning evidence and proof and compares them to their counterparts in civil procedure.

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### Court costs in civil and administrative procedure

**Keywords:** Court costs; classification of court costs

The institute of court costs is rather universal and is inherent to multiple branches of law. The author analyzes the essence of court costs, and suggests their classification as well as their proper definition. The author also discusses the issue of reasonableness of court costs borne by a litigant.

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### Classification of socially dangerous acts: transport safety issues

**Keywords:** Criminal law of Russian Federation; transport safety; classification of crimes

Having analyzed the issues relating to the classification of transport safety, the authors point at inaccurate wording in the article 263 of the RF Criminal Code. The article provides an elaborate commentary of the article in question and suggests certain ways of tackling this issue.

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### "Fortunes settled that all human societies shall change solely their vices": M.M. Speransky on techniques of state reforms. Article one

**Keywords:** Russian Empire; M.M. Speransky; reform

The article analyzes M.M. Speransky position on the technique of state reforms which he expressed in the texts of his numerous works.