

## **LEGAL THOUGHT: HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARITY**

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### **EC AND INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LAW: THE BACKGROUND OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE LAW (THE SCHOOL OF GLOSSATORS)**

The article is the first one from a series of articles covers development of private law of the European Union. The article has seen the emergence and development phase of private law in general and in particular, private international law of the EU. The article investigate the issues of forming a European law, which is based on the reception of Roman private law and the influence of the church and the local feudal law. There are fundamental political processes, between the secular and ecclesiastical authority, which has had a fundamental influence on the development of private law. Considerable attention is given to activities of glossators apropos of thinking, systematization and adaptation of these three disparate systems of law to the needs of their time.

## **RUSSIAN LAW: CONDITIONS, PERSPECTIVES, COMMENTARIES**

**N.N. Efremova**

### **THE EVOLUTION OF RUSSIAN JUSTICE (COURT REFORMS OF XX–XXI CENTURIES)**

The article contains analysis of organization of justice in Russia under republican regime. After the fall of Empire in 1917 a new model of state has emerged. It was founded on so-called «full power of the Soviets» principle. Justice bodies have become an integral part of the Soviets mechanism and lost its independence. Formal democracy of new organization of justice could not prevent reinforcing its repressive role under totalitarian regime. At the end of the Soviet period in 1980s and 1990s the last judicial reform was launched. It has produced a liberal democratic model of justice and entrenched formally independent justice in contemporary Russia.

**N.U. Erpyleva**

### **SETTLEMENT RELATIONS IN THEORY OF BANKING LAW AND RUSSIAN LEGISLATION**

The present article is focused on the key issues concerning the role and significance of settlement relations in theory of Banking Law and their regulation by Russian Legislation. The author analyses the legal nature of settlement relations in their interaction with the category of money obligations, having proposed the own definition of such relations. The subject of research also includes the types and forms of settlement relations identified in theory of Banking Law and Russian Legislation. Author's conclusions are based on scrutinized analysis of many doctrinal sources and normative documents.

**A.G. Kalpin**

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF SHIP-HANDLERS FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY NON-CARGO OF FREIGHT**

The author deals with regulation issues covering non-charge of freight, its loss, shortage, damage, etc. The issues are regulated by legislation, precedents and traditions, also by charters. The author also studies the role of international legal acts in defining liability. One more object of analysis is regulation of discharge from liability.

**A.A. Shakhmametiev**

### **CATEGORY OF REGIME IN LEGAL MECHANISM OF TAXATION**

Author studies issues covering place and meaning of category of regime in taxation law. He presents an analysis of legal nature and content of this category. There are a detailed characteristics of the category in legal regulation in three main meanings: legal as a whole, branch and institutional one. Article also looks at tax regime as a separate institute of Russian tax legislation, gives analysis of system of main elements of legal regulation of its implementation, proposes classifications of the tax regimes.

## **LEGAL EDUCATION REFORM**

**N.A. Bogdanova**

### **TEACHING CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: IN SEARCH OF FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION PATTERN**

Sufficient changes of the social system in Russia turned to be reasons for the reform in teaching constitutional law at the law faculties in Russian universities. The author argues that subjects of Russian and foreign constitutional law, still divided, must become integral parts of the single whole system of constitutional knowledge. The function of a uniting element of the two parts must be fulfilled by an academic course under the title «General part of Constitutional law» taught at the law faculty of Moscow State University since 1991.

**D.V. Kusnetsov**

### **STATUS OF DEAN OF FACULTY AND HEAD OF CHAIR**

Status of deans and heads of chairs in educational establishments is of crucial importance for the efficient functioning of universities. The author argues that after reforms in labour and education legislation the peculiarities of their positions are not fully realized. Collisions and blanks in normative legal acts cause considerable complications in its implementing.

## **DISCUSSION CLUB**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM OF POWER IN CRISIS TIMES**

Materials of a round table, under the auspices of the Journal in the Higher School of Economics, devoted to 15th anniversary of the Russian Constitution. Addresses by V.A. Tumanov, T.G. Morshakova, U.M. Baturin, M.A. Krasnov, G.V. Minh, N.S. Krylova.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

**N.M. Nesterova**

### **COPYRIGHT IN RUSSIA AND FRANCE: COMPARATIVE LEGAL ASPECT**

The article contains analysis of main points of the book «Copyright on fine art in Russia and France». Moscow, 2009 about Russian and French legislation on fine art.

## **LAW IN FIGURES**

**C.V. Krotkov, I.A. Krugovykh**

### **STATISTICAL DIMENSIONS OF LAW-MAKING**

Authors present an analysis of law-making activities of Parliament of the Russian Federation from 1994 to 2008.