

Dear readers,

I would like to present for your attention the fourth regular issue of the journal "Kazan University Law Review" in 2022.

The issue you are now holding in your hands contains articles on topical issues in the theory and practice of Russian and foreign law.

The issue starts with an article by Orkhan Hasanov, Postgraduate student of the Law Faculty of the Baku State University, "The role of intellectual property rights in international technology diffusion and foreign direct investment". Analyzing the norms of current international law, the author of the research points out the lack of precise information about the direct relationship between intellectual property rights, international trade and foreign direct investment. In other words, most of the improvements in the field of intellectual property have been proposed by developed countries because of problems related to their commercial interests. In reviewing this issue, the author answers several questions about the extent to which intellectual property rights play an important role in expanding trade relations, as well as in the decision-making process about where to invest, and thus about trends in how to create the favorable climate expected by the global business community. The granting of foreign patenting and licensing and their legal bases are reviewed, emphasizing their prospects for technology and knowledge diffusion.

The issue continues with an article by Nail Khabibullin, Deputy Dean for Educational Activities, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Criminal Law of the Faculty of Law of the Kazan Federal University, "Consideration of the personality of the offender in the application of criminal law measures under the legislation of CIS countries and Europe". This article is concerned with the analysis of the problem of consideration in the imposition of criminal law measures of the circumstances characterizing the personality of the guilty, in accordance with the norms of criminal legislation of other states. Since the current legislation of Russia is largely based on the values of the Romano-Germanic system of criminal law and at the same time on the experience of Soviet law, the author analyzes the criminal codes of the countries of the near abroad, as well as of the states of Eastern and Western Europe. In addition, the study of the experience of regulation of criminal law measures

other than punishment in the states with traditional democratic principles and established legal order is important also because they have tested various alternatives of punishment and even criminal liability, implemented in respect of certain categories of persons who have committed a crime for several centuries. The article highlights the most positive experience of regulation of individualization of criminal law measures taking into account the personality of the offender in such states as Belarus, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Austria and many other countries.

The "Conference Reviews" section contains an article by Anastasia Pankratova, third-year student of the Faculty of Law of the "TISBI" University of Management, "The results of the Student Scientific Society of the "TISBI" University of Management for the 2022 academic year". This article is an analysis of the work and results of the Student Scientific Society "Logos" of the "TISBI" University of Management for the academic year 2022. The author schematically describes the structural units of the Scientific Association, reveals the aims and objectives. The young activists of the University created such periodic events as: training "House of Culture", debates, literary club; round tables on various topics are held; Science Slam, model court sessions are created. In addition, young scientists actively develop the sphere of cooperation. Comments on the activities of the Student Scientific Society "Logos" by Alexey Gryaznov, Doctor of Psychological Sciences, Deputy Vice-Rector for Science, Professor of the Department of Pedagogy and Psychology of the "TISBI" University of Management, as well as students of the University, have been analyzed.

> *With best regards,* Editor-in-Chief Damir Valeev