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**SCIENTIFIC EVENTS IN KAZAN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY IN SPRING 2021**

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*The article tells about the events held at the Faculty of Law of Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University in the period after the pandemic of coronavirus, when some restrictions that did not allow to hold events in a handshake format were lifted. The management of the Faculty made an important decision to hold all the traditional events for the Faculty of Law in the old, time-tested format. The article highlights three events: XVII All-Russian judicial debates 2021, XVI International scientific-practical conference Derzhavin readings, I legal workshop "School justice 2021" for school-children. The article reveals the scientific and educational and scientific-practical component of the events. It also describes the assistance of professors, researchers and*

*representatives of the judicial and law enforcement system in the conduct of events significant for the Faculty of Law. The main stages of these events and their participants are highlighted. The article reveals the current issues of legal reality raised in the framework of the events, as well as talks about the results, which were reached when discussing these legal problems.*

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**On April 23–24, 2021** Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University hosted the XVII Student Model Trial “All-Russian Court Debates 2021”. This year the event returned to its traditional format of lively meetings and joyful hugs.

The opening ceremony began on April 23 at 10 a.m. Moscow time, one of the most beautiful classrooms of KFU Faculty of Law — Physics 1 — was filled with noise and greetings. The first to speak were Timirkhan Bulatovich Alishev, Pro-Rector for External Relations of KFU, and Liliya Talgatovna Bakulina, Dean of the Faculty of Law of KFU; they noted how important the face-to-face format was for the model trial, and thanked all participants for their dedication to science, and said warm words of guidance. The opening ceremony was also attended by Deputy Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the Volga Region Igor Smolensky, Deputy Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Marat Gumerov, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Chechen Republic Timur Lamerdonov, lawyer of the Bar Association of the Republic of Tatarstan Olga Kamaletdinova, Senior Legal Support Assistant to the Prosecutor of the Republic of Tatarstan Irina Petrova, Managing Partner of ANP Zenit Vadim Kuzovkov and others.

The start of the scientific activity of the event was given by master classes from leading lawyers and experts in their field of law. Dmitry Abushenko, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of Civil Procedure of the Ural State Law University, spoke on “Frontier branch problems on the example of set-off in enforcement proceedings”. The master class on criminal proceedings was presented by Damir Nizamov, lawyer of the Kazan City Bar Association and counselor of ANP “Zenit”.

The first day ended with first-round fights. There were 18 fights simultaneously: six in the criminal section and eight in the civil section. Judges of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan — Fakhriev Marsel, Bismukhametova Evgeniya, Ibragimov Irek, Khisamov Azat. And also Aydar Sultanov (Head of Legal Department of PJSC NizhnekamskNefteKhim); Vyacheslav Gusakov (Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers); Timur Lamerdonov, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Chechen Republic; Associate Professor of the Civil Procedure Law Department of Rostov Branch of Russian State University of Justice, Candidate of Legal Sciences, retired judge — Nikolai Samsonov; Candidate of Legal Sciences, associate professor of the chair of business law, civil and arbitration

process of Perm State National Research University — Denis Fedyaev; Doctor of Legal Sciences, professor of the chair of civil process of Ural State Law University — Dmitry Abushenko; Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Chair of Civil Procedure of the Ural State Law University — Sergey Degtyaryov; Chairman of the Tyulyachi District Court of the RT — Bikmiev Ramil; Director of the Kazan Institute (branch) of the All-Union State Law University, Candidate of Legal Sciences, The head of the second department on investigation of especially important cases of Investigation Department of ICRD on RT, colonel of justice — Adiatullin Rustem; The senior assistant of the Head of Investigation Committee of ICR TF, colonel of Justice — Marat Makhmutov; Salapov Alexander — the Head of 384th Military Investigation Department of Investigation Committee of RF for Kazan garrison; Military Prosecutor of Kazan garrison Bazhenov Sergey; Lawyer of Law Chamber of RT, Pavel Mazurenko and others.

The results of this stage are traditionally announced only the next day. So, the morning of April 24 — the second competition day — began with the announcement of the results of the first round and the presentation of certificates, and then began the second round of the event. During this stage of the competition participants evaluated evidence on the relevance and admissibility, wrote drafts of procedural documents, studied procedural documents for compliance with the law, as well as demonstrated their theoretical skills in the chosen proceedings.

The second stage ended with only 4 teams left in each section, which met in the final battles and showed who is worthy to wear the title of winner of the All-Russian Judicial Debates 2021. The judges of the final round were: D. B. Abushenko, Professor of Civil Procedure of the Ural State Law University; S. L. Degtyarev, Professor of Civil Procedure of the Ural State Law University; Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers, retired judge, Candidate of Legal Sciences V. Y. Gusyakov; Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Chechen Republic T. M. Lamerdonov; Head of the Legal Department of PJSC Nizhnekamskneftekhim A. R. Sultanov; Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Business Law, Civil and Arbitration Procedure Department of Perm State National Research University D. A. Fedyaev; I. A. Khasanshin, Judge of the Arbitration Court of the Republic of Tatarstan, Candidate of Legal Sciences; R. M. Abdrakhmanov, Deputy Head of the First Department for Investigation of Especially Important Cases of the Investigation Department of the Investigation Committee of the Russian Federation for the Republic of Tatarstan; A. N. Shemuranov, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan E. E. Safonov (Kazan Garrison Military Court), Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan B. G. Shamsutdinov, Senior Investigator of the 5th Division for Investigation of Especially Important Tax Crime Cases of the Investigation Department of the Investigation Committee of the Republic

of Tatarstan, Lieutenant of Justice J. V. Nagaev-Kochkin, Senior Investigator of the 5th Division for Investigation of Especially Important Tax Crime Cases of the Investigation Committee of the Investigation Committee of the Republic of Tatarstan, Lieutenant of Justice Serebryakov R. M. The prizes in the Civil Litigation section were distributed as follows:

**1st place** (Team A 44-21 Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University)

*Alina Faizova*

*Letfullina Karima*

*Kochkin Andrei*

**2nd place** (Team A 32-21 Perm State National Research University)

*Dmitriy Yuzhakov*

*Maxim Stepanov*

*Polina Vyatkina*

*Pershina Alexandra*

**3rd place** (Team A 05-21 Ural State Law University)

*Ruslan Atamanov*

*Vladislav Merzlyakov*

*Denis Muravyov*

*Alexander Italmasov*

The prizes in the Criminal Litigation section were distributed as follows:

**1st place** (Team B 06-21 Ural State Law University)

*Anna Sizykh*

*Alexandra Fileva*

*Pavel Larionov*

*Irina Safronova*

**2nd place** (Team B 34-21 Lomonosov Moscow State University)

*Vladislava Dmitrenko*

*Polina Nekhorosheva*

*Mikhail Khimichev*

*Camilla Sarina*

**3rd place** (Team B 04-21 Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University)

*Diana Galiullina*

*Regina Fatykhova*

*Renata Malikova*

*Regina Khusnulina*

The 17th Student Model Trial “All-Russian Court Debates 2021” was held with the support of the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs (Rosmolodezh), the Russian Resource Center, the Student Scientific Society of the Faculty of Law at KFU, [Pravo.ru](http://Pravo.ru), ANP Zenit law firm, and the Republic of Tatarstan Chamber of Lawyers “Zakony i Fakty”.

It is important for the Faculty of Law at KFU to see every participant, who was happy to return with us to the traditional format of the model trial “All-Russian Judicial Debates. And, as Igor Smolensky said, “the presence of each student here is already a personal victory, as representatives of their schools.

A new event for the School of Law was the I “School Justice 2021” legal workshop for high school students, which was held in absentia **on May 15, 2021**, and in-person **on May 18, 2021**.

Students from Polytechnic Lyceum No. 182, Gymnasium No. 93 of Kazan and Gymnasium No. 1 of Chistopol took part in the workshop. Thanks to this competition the schoolchildren had an opportunity to feel themselves in the role of a lawyer.

“School Justice 2021” is a model trial based on a pre-presented story. Teams compete against each other in rounds, defending their own positions on court cases, arguing and proving the correctness and validity of their legal position. This competition is aimed at developing the students’ creative abilities and interest in scientific activity, as well as at helping them choose their future profession, as schoolchildren were able to visit the role of specialists. The event was held as part of the “Sirius.Summer” program.

The winners were pupils of Gymnasium No. 93 and Gymnasium No. 1 (Valeeva Lyaysan and Larionova Daria). The second place was taken by the team of students of Polytechnic Lyceum No. 182.

The jury consisted of:

- Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Theory of State and Law, Dean of the Faculty of Law Liliya Bakulina,
- Maria Talan, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor and Head of the Department of Criminal Law,
- Guzel Burganova, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics,
- Lydia Bakulina, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Law.

The interest of schoolchildren in the legal workshop proved to be not only high, but also professional. The children expressed a desire to participate in debates in future years, which is the main result for us.

Bringing back the fall tradition in spring, the annual event — XVI International Scientific and Practical Conference “Derzhavin Readings” — was held on **May 24–26, 2021** within the walls of Kazan Federal University.

The event was devoted to the theme: “Transformation of social and legal reality in modern conditions”. The conference is distinguished by close cooperation between Kazan Federal University and the All-Russian State University of Justice. This year did not change the tradition: the event was attended by professors and students of the All-Russian State University of Justice and its branches.

The first day of the conference, May 24, prepared a cultural program for the students, which included excursions to historical places of Kazan. On the same day the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan hosted a round table on “Digitalization of Justice: Risks and Prospects for Development”. There was also a press conference attended by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Tatarstan and the rectors of Kazan Federal University and the All-Russian State University of Justice.

The second day of the event was more eventful. It began with the laying of flowers at the spontaneous memorial at the gate of the secondary school No. 175 in memory of the victims of the tragedy which took place on the morning of May 11, 2021. The laying of flowers also took place at the monument of G. R. Derzhavin, which is a tradition for the International Scientific and Practical Conference.

Later, a plenary session was held in the Imperial Hall of Kazan Federal University, which this year especially delighted the audience. It began with welcoming remarks by Olga Aleksandrova, Rector of the All-Russian State University of Justice, Rustam Minnikhanov, President of the Republic of Tatarstan, and Ilshat Gafurov, Rector of Kazan Federal University, Mikhail Galperin, Russian Federation Commissioner to the European Court of Human Rights, Deputy Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation, and Anzor Muzayev, Head of the Federal Service for Supervision of Education and Science.

President of the Republic of Tatarstan Rustam Minnikhanov noted in his welcome speech that the legacy of Gavriil Derzhavin, his literary and legal works are important and interesting in terms of the development of our state.

Rector of Kazan Federal University Ilshat Gafurov, in turn, reminded that this is the sixth time the forum has been held at Kazan Federal University together with the Russian Ministry of Justice and touched upon relevant issues, contributing to the improvement of the legal system and creating incentives for the development of law enforcement practice.

At the opening of the conference, the Rector of KFU was awarded the Gavriil Derzhavin Medal by order of the head of the Ministry of Justice of Russia for effective assistance in solving the tasks entrusted to the department. The Silver Medal “For Assistance” was awarded to Riyaz Minzaripov, First Vice Rector of KFU.

Then the floor was given to the Director of the Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation, RAS Academician, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor Talya Khabrieva, who, often addressing Valery Lazarev, made a presentation to the guests on “The generation of law resources in modern social transformations”.

It is worth noting that three graduates of Kazan Federal University, Talia Khabrieva, Valery Lazarev and Evgeny Sultanov were members of the organizing group on amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation. After a short

break the Russian Federation Commissioner for the European Court of Human Rights, Deputy Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Legal Sciences Mikhail Galperin made a report on “Global Challenges for International Law”. The last speaker of the plenary session was the poet, member of the Union of writers of the Republic of Tatarstan, the first laureate of the Republican literary prize of Derzhavin. The last speaker of the plenary session was the poet Renat Magsumovich Kharisov, a member of the Union of Writers of the Republic of Tatarstan, the first laureate of the Republican literary prize after G. R. Derzhavin, the laureate of the State prize of the Russian Federation, who spoke with the theme: “His genius thought in Tatar..”: Tatar Translations of Gavriil Derzhavin’s Writings in the Context of Dialogue between Russian and Tatar Literatures”.

The guests of the plenary session were also Deputy Director of the Federal Bailiff Service, Deputy Chief Bailiff of the Russian Federation, Lieutenant-General of Internal Service Zakharkina Elena, Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Khusnutdinov Farkhat, Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Ilgiz Gilazov, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Faculty of Law at KFU Musin Fanis, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Tatarstan Rustem Zagidullin, Head of the Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Tatarstan Skirda Maxim, Head of the Office of the Federal Bailiff Service of the Republic of Tatarstan, Chief Bailiff of the Republic of Tatarstan Zakirov Anvar, Director of the Kazan branch of Russian State University of Justice Sharifullin Ramil, Director of the Kazan Institute (branch) of All-Russian State University of Justice (RPA of the Russian Ministry of Justice) Garayev Magnavi.

Honorary participants of the XVI International Scientific-Practical Conference “Derzhavin Readings” were: Liliya Bakulina, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law of KFU, Valeev Damir, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Deputy Dean for scientific activities of the Faculty of Law of KFU, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Assistant of the Head of the Nizhny Novgorod Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Innovative Development of Scientific Activities Baranov Vladimir, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation, Vice President of the Union of Criminologists and Criminologists Zaytsev Oleg, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law under the Government of the Russian Federation Valery Lazarev, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Kutafin Moscow State Law University, Honorary Prosecutor of the Russian Federation, Senior Counsel of Justice, Senior Partner of Legal Group “Yurakademia: Kutafin and Partners”, President of the Union of Criminologists and Criminologists Igor Matskevich, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of O. E. Kutafin Moscow State Law University Pioniatovskaya Tatiana,



Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of O. E. Kutafin Moscow State Law University, Soviet and Russian legal scholar Rarog Alexey.

Then there was the scientific part of the event — the work of sections and round tables, which took place over two days (May 25–26). This year 6 sections were organized:

- General theoretical problems and consequences of the transformation of social and legal reality in the modern world;
- Modernization of the public administration system: experience and prospects);
- Strategy of development of criminal policy of Russia at the present stage;
- Current problems of application of civil and business law in new areas of legal regulation: digital assets, biomedicine, robotics; nanotechnology, protection of personal rights, property and corporate interests in the light of the COVID-2019 pandemic;
- Evolution of the Constitutional and Legal Arrangement of Russia: Conceptual Directions and Results;
- Digitalization of Russian civil proceedings and enforcement proceedings at the present stage.

In parallel with the work of the sections were eight round tables on the topics:

- “A new model of state regulation of educational activity;
- “Digitalization of Justice: Risks and Development Prospects”;
- “Implementation of anti-corruption policy in the Republic of Tatarstan at the present stage. Digitalization as one of the effective tools of anti-corruption”;
- “Modern information technologies and their application in educational activities in higher education: possibilities and limits”;
- “Formation and development of doctrines of statehood and federalism (to the 100th anniversary of TASSR)”;
- “Preservation of native languages and national unity in a multinational state: problems and prospects from the experience of the Institute of Philology and Intercultural Communication of Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University”;
- “G. R. Derzhavin and his era: worldview and poetics”;
- “Derzhavin and his time in literary and cultural dialogues and in the focus of contemporary problems of the methodology of teaching humanities disciplines.

The section dedicated to “new models of state regulation of educational activity” was headed by Anzor Muzayev, the head of the Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science. He told the participants about the upcoming amendments, which include the transition to indefinite accreditation with periodic confirmation of the quality of education. Noteworthy is the proposal, according to which those organizations that are already accredited will automatically be-



come open-ended. Anzor Muzayev also spoke about the proposals to move away from the old system of FSES and switch to the so-called accreditation indicators. At the same time the head of Rosobrnadzor expressed his desire to discuss with the heads of educational organizations the amendments and make adjustments to these proposals.

Especially for the student participants were organized scientific activities in the form of competitions and games:

- Intellectual Game on the History of the Russian State and Law, dedicated to Peter I and his era;
- A judicial oratory contest.

The XVI International Scientific and Practical Conference “Derzhavin Readings” ended with summarizing: speeches of the moderators of the sections and roundtables, preparing a resolution, which was formed by the results of the conference, and the awards ceremony for the winners of the intellectual game and judicial public speaking skills competition.

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