

## CONFERENCE REVIEW

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### **REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PRACTICAL CONVENTION OF UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS “LEGAL RENAISSANCE: A NEW ERA OF JURISPRUDENCE”**

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**Abstract.** *On November 29–30, 2024, Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University hosted the IX International Scientific and Practical Convention of Students and Postgraduates titled “Legal Renaissance: A New Era of Jurisprudence.” The event brought together young lawyers from Russia and neighboring countries, providing them with a unique platform for discussing current legal issues and exchanging scientific achievements. The convention’s agenda covered a wide range of legal disciplines and included breakout sessions, master classes, a model trial, academic competitions, and intellectual games. Participants presented scientific reports and discussed challenges and prospects for the development of the legal system, demonstrating a high level of competence. The convention became a significant event in the field of legal education, fostering professional dialogue among students, scholars, and practitioners.*

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On November 29–30, 2024, Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University hosted the IX International Scientific and Practical Convention of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students titled “Legal Renaissance: A New Era of Jurisprudence”.

The event brought together students and young researchers from various parts of the world, providing them with a unique platform for discussing topical legal issues and exchanging experiences.

The concept of “Legal Renaissance: A New Era of Jurisprudence” symbolizes the revival and renewal of the legal system, emphasizing the need for a more flexible and progressive approach to law. This era calls for a reassessment of existing legal norms and standards in light of contemporary challenges such as globalization, technological progress, and shifts in social relations.

The convention was organized around the following thematic areas (sections):

- Theory and History of State and Law
- Constitutional Law;
- Tax and Financial Law;
- Civil Law;
- Family Law;
- Labor Law;
- Civil Procedure;
- Business Law;
- Criminal Procedure;
- Criminal Law;
- Environmental and Land Law;
- International Law;
- Educational Law.

This division of sections enabled participants to explore selected topics more deeply and engage in meaningful discussions grounded in current research and legal practice.

The organizing committee received over 570 applications to participate in the event, of which only 270 were accepted through a competitive selection process. More than 40 universities from Russia and neighboring countries were represented at the convention, underscoring the event's broad appeal and significance.

The opening ceremony took place on November 29 and was attended by representatives of the academic community, practicing lawyers, and high-profile legal professionals. Welcoming speeches were delivered by:

*Dmitry Tayursky* — First Vice-Rector and Vice-Rector for Research of Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University;

*Lilia Bakulina* — Dean of the Faculty of Law at Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences;

*Igor Smolensky* — Deputy Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the Volga District;

*Eduard Kaminsky* — Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan for Administrative Cases;

*Aynur Yalilov* — Managing Partner of the law firm Yalilov and Partners, Chairman of the Law Faculty Alumni Association, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Faculty of Law at Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University;

*Ramziya Mingalieva* — Member of the Council of the Bar Association of the Republic of Tatarstan;

*Anna Savin-Krovyakova* — Head of the Public Reception Office under the Commissioner for the Protection of Entrepreneurs' Rights in Moscow on issues of youth entrepreneurship, Director General of the Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Institute for Legal Literacy and Entrepreneurial Support;

*Ramil Sharifullin* — Director of the Kazan Branch of the Russian State University of Justice;

*Vyacheslav Gusakov* — Associate Professor at the Law Institute of Sevastopol State University, Member of the Energy Law Commission of the Russian Lawyers Association, Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers, retired judge;

*Zavdat Safin* — Head of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Procedure at Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor.

The event was also attended by:

*Vitaly Gilmutdinov* — Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the Republic of Tatarstan;

*Vilena Prytkova* — Representative of the Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation for the Republic of Tatarstan;

*Ilnur Garayev* — Dean of the Faculty of Higher Education of the Kazan Branch of the All-Russian State University of Justice (Russian Law Academy of the Ministry of Justice);

*Damir Valeev* — Deputy Dean for Research of the Faculty of Law at Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor.

This year, the general partners of the project were the law firm Yalilov and Partners and the Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Institute for Legal Literacy and Entrepreneurial Support.

The partners of the event included the International Association of Lawyers and Consultants and the journal Herald of Civil Procedure.

The Convention was co-organized by the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law of Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University. This collaboration with the professional legal community highlights the seriousness and significance of the event, as well as its strong connection to the current realities of jurisprudence.

The event also received support from Sibur-RT Joint Stock Company.

Following the opening ceremony, at 11:10 a.m., a keynote lecture-show was delivered by *Vyacheslav Gusakov*, Associate Professor at the Law Institute of

Sevastopol State University and Candidate of Legal Sciences, titled “Judicial Discretion and Justice”.

After a coffee break, guests and participants had the opportunity to attend one of the following master classes:

*Rustam Gubaidullin*, practicing lawyer, attorney of the Bar Association of the Republic of Tatarstan, member of the Tatarstan Regional Branch of the All-Russian Public Organization “Association of Lawyers of Russia”, and partner at the law firm Yalilov and Partners, presented a master class on “The Criminal Defense Lawyer”;

*Alexei Ivanov*, legal adviser at Fincom Group, Pro Bono expert under the Commissioner for the Protection of Entrepreneurs’ Rights in Moscow, coordinator of the Youth Legal School (YLS) project, and Deputy Head of the Autonomous Non-Profit Organization Institute for Legal Literacy and Entrepreneurial Support, led a session on “Debate Techniques in the International (British Parliamentary) Format”;

*Aziza Stepanyan*, Director of Doczilla Academy, Managing Partner at Genzer and Partners, and legal design specialist, conducted a class on “How Lawyers Conquered Artificial Intelligence”, held within the framework of the Forum of Legal Educators.

The Convention is traditionally a multidisciplinary and multifaceted event. Each year, it also features academic competitions.

This year, Olympiads were held in Criminal Procedure and Business Law, alongside an Intellectual Quiz on the History of the State and Law of Russia. Participants demonstrated exceptional erudition and deep knowledge in these fields.

The second day of the Convention began on November 30 with a demonstrative mock trial, held to promote the annual flagship event of the Law Faculty of Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University — the All-Russian Judicial Debates (ARJD).

At 11:40 a.m., the work of 13 thematic sections commenced.

The discussions at the Convention covered a broad spectrum of legal topics — from theoretical foundations of state and law to the practical application of legislation. The aim of these debates was not only to identify current issues in law enforcement but also to propose innovative solutions to help adapt the legal system to the evolving challenges of our time.

For example, the section on Constitutional Law addressed changes concerning the rights and freedoms of citizens in the context of digital technology development. Participants raised questions about ensuring the right to privacy and the protection of personal data, as well as challenges related to the legitimacy of new forms of interaction between citizens and the state.

The Tax and Financial Law section was dedicated to current issues in tax legislation, particularly the challenges of taxation amid economic instability caused

by global processes and the pandemic. Participants emphasized the need to reform the tax system and adapt it to new conditions and standards.

In the discussions on Civil Law and Family Law, the focus was on protecting the interests of the most vulnerable groups of citizens. Key aspects concerned the protection of the rights of children and women, as well as issues related to property disputes and alimony obligations.

The sections on Labor Law and Business Law explored migration processes, which significantly affect the labor market and job creation. Participants highlighted the need to protect workers' rights and ensure the legal status of both local and foreign employees.

In the Environmental and Land Law section, issues of environmental protection, sustainable development, and changes in legislation governing the use of natural resources were raised. Participants expressed concern about the need to pay greater attention to environmental law in the context of accelerating climate change.

The International Law section focused on changes in the international legal environment, particularly in the context of global challenges such as terrorism, interstate conflicts, and the impact of international politics on national legal systems.

In all sections, participants successfully defended their theses with dignity, upheld their positions, and shared their views.

The work of all sections was well-coordinated and truly comprehensive.

Special prizes were awarded by Sibur-RT Joint Stock Company during the section meetings.

At 17:00 p.m., during the closing ceremony, the results of the section work were summarized. All winners and prize recipients of the Convention were presented with commemorative gifts and diplomas.

This year, the Youth School of Lawyers established a scholarship awarded to the author of the best work among the first-place winners in each section. The scholarship was awarded to Anton Martynov (Lomonosov Moscow State University).

We are grateful for the support and contribution to the development of our event and student research in general.

A repost contest was also held during the Convention, with support from Gorodets Publishing House.

The Convention became a significant milestone in the development of legal education and science, contributing to the formation of an active international community of students and young scholars.

The organization of such an event and the relevance of the issues discussed highlight the importance of the priorities facing jurisprudence in the XXI century.

We hope that the ideas and conclusions presented at the Convention will serve as a foundation for further research and practical developments that promote legal progress in today's world.

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