

## CONFERENCE REVIEW

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### **SCIENTIFIC LIFE OF THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE KAZAN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY**

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**Abstract.** *This scientific article discusses the activities of the scientific society in the period from 2021 to 2022 academic year. The article describes the work of student scientific circles, scientific research carried out by students together with teachers of Kazan Federal University. Moreover, the active work of the teaching staff, manifested in the conduct of lectures and plenary sessions, is also mentioned. The article also describes the organization of all-Russian and international competitions by the student scientific society.*

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The 2021–2022 academic years at Kazan Federal University passed quite quickly and were extremely productive. The year was filled with bright and significant events for students and teachers. Each university event was filled with disputes, discussions, and the birth of legal truths.

The Student Scientific Society began the academic year with the active work of student scientific circles in the following areas: criminal procedure, labor law, civil procedure, theory of state and law, constitutional law, business law, criminalistics, administrative law, as well as civil law and international law. The headmen of the circles organized the work of the circles, adding everyone to the conversations of the circles, gathering everyone for general meetings, helping students to conduct scientific research together with scientific supervisors, and also directing students

to participate in various competitions. Thanks to the work of scientific circles, many students actively participated in various competitions, visiting different cities of Russia.

On October 7, 2021, the student scientific circle “Criminal Procedure” organized a meeting with the Deputy Head of the Investigation Department for the Vakhitovsky District of the city of Kazan of the Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Republic of Tatarstan Lieutenant Colonel of Justice Runar Suyundukov. The topic of the meeting was: “Powers of the investigator in the criminal process.” Also on November 18, 2021, within the walls of Kazan Federal University, teachers of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics, together with members of the “Criminal Procedure” circle, took part in a master class by Dmitry Dedov Doctor of Legal Sciences, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights from Russia, on the topic: “Problems of the criminal process in the practice of the European Court of Human Rights”.

The master class was organized by the Center for International Competitions in Law together with the Department of Criminal Procedure, Justice and Prosecutorial Supervision of the M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University. Also, members of the scientific circle “Criminal Procedure” assisted in conducting a binary lecture by Marina Klyukova Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan, and Mikhail Vavilin Senior Assistant Prosecutor of the Soviet District of Kazan, on the topic: “The role of the prosecutor’s office in strengthening the rule of law and law and order: history and modernity”, which was also held at Kazan Federal University on October 14, 2021.

The next meeting of the circle “Criminal process” took place on December 8. Elvira Sadykova a second-year graduate student, made a report on the topic “Problems of applying a special procedure in cases of corruption crimes”. During the meeting, a discussion of students and teachers on anti-corruption compliance was held, members of the circle asked questions of interest to them. The event was also attended by the Deputy Dean for Educational Activities Olga Cheparina, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics Marina Klyukova, Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics Alexander Epikhin, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics Andrey Verin, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics Marat Shamsutdinov.

Also, the student scientific circle “Criminal Procedure” took part in the most important student award — the annual Republican award for students in educational programs of higher education “XVII Student of the Year of the Republic of Tatarstan — 2021”!

The elders demonstrated the achievements of the circle in three tests of the full-time stage of the Prize in the nomination “Student Scientific Organization of

the Year". "Self-presentation" is one of the most important creative tests, where it was necessary to talk about the work and achievements. "Debate" is the defense of one's positions between the two parties participating in the nominations, during which the participants were offered the topic of the speech and the position "for" or "against". "Project defense" — the defense of the project work included a live presentation of the completed project on the ZOOM platform. The student scientific circle "Criminal Procedure" took 3rd place in the competition "The Best Student Scientific Circle".

Also on March 10, 2022, a round table of student scientific circles of the Faculty of Law of the Kazan Federal University and the L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Nur-Sultan) on the topic: "Actual problems in the criminal procedure law of Russia and Kazakhstan." The joint meeting of student scientific circles was attended by students, undergraduates, graduate students, leading university professors, as well as practicing lawyers.

On March 22, 2022, a joint meeting of student scientific circles of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensic Science of the Faculty of Law of Kazan Federal University and the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensic Science of the Faculty of Law of the Southern Federal University (Rostov-on-Don) was held on the topic: "The use of information technologies in criminal proceedings".

On April 4, 2022, Kazan Federal University hosted a binary lecture by Marina Klyukova Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan and Rustem Adiatullin Head of the Second Department for Investigation of Particularly Important Cases, Colonel of Justice on the topic: "Preliminary investigation: theory and practice". On April 14, 2022, a joint meeting of the student scientific circles "Criminal Procedure" and "Criminalistics" of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics of the Faculty of Law of Kazan Federal University was held on the topic: "Forensic and operational-investigative support of investigative actions". Students also became organizers of scientific quizzes. One of them took place on May 16, 2022, in criminal procedure law under the guidance of Marina Klyukova Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the circle "Criminal process".

The Quiz participants were third-year students of the Faculty of Law of Kazan Federal University. 17 teams took part in the event.

The quiz consisted of three test rounds and a bonus stage, which consisted of working with procedural documents. The set of competitive tasks was diverse. Students remembered the stages of initiating and investigating a criminal case, tested their knowledge of the history of criminal proceedings.

Members of the scientific circle "Civil club" also actively demonstrated their success.

On October 14, a circle meeting was held on the topic: “Problems and prospects of electronic document management in the Russian Federation. Conclusion of transactions in electronic form”, which included sections:

1. Legal basis for concluding a transaction in electronic form in the Russian Federation.
2. Identification of the counterparty. How can I sign a document online?
3. Barriers to the widespread introduction of electronic document management and ways to overcome them.

In addition, Konstantin Egorov Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Law of KFU, Director of the Stroykapital Law Company and Alan Tukhvatullin Head of the IT Law Practice of the Stroykapital Law Company spoke about the problems of introducing IT into civil circulation.

On October 28, 2021, a joint meeting of scientific circles of civil and business law was held. Speakers at the meeting were:

1. Head of the Department of Entrepreneurial and Energy Law, Candidate of Legal Sciences (Associate Professor) Andrey Mikhailov;
2. Associate Professor, Candidate of Legal Sciences Olga Cheparina;
3. Associate Professor, Candidate of Legal Sciences Artur Khabirov, as well as students.

Students, in addition to meetings, mastered other forms of organizing scientific events. So, on November 18, a scientific quiz on civil law was held. And already on December 16, a meeting of the scientific circle on civil law was held on the topic of managing legal risks and prospects for the development of compliance at the university. Marat Nigamadzyanov (Deputy Head of the Student Scientific Circle of Civil Law, fourth-year student) spoke about the concept of compliance, its advantages and areas of application. Anna Pugacheva (postgraduate student of the second year of study) made a presentation on the topic “Category “risk” in civil law: historical and legal analysis. Features of building a risk management system in federal universities of the Russian Federation.”

Young specialists discussed debatable issues of risk management in civil circulation — investment transactions, and also considered the prospects for building a compliance system within educational and other organizations.

Also on March 10, a circle meeting took place, at which the latest civil law novelties in Russian legislation were considered, as well as the legal side of political sanctions for the Russian Federation today.

On March 24, a meeting was held, which was devoted to the topic of the bank deposit and bank account agreement.

Meetings of the scientific circle on Labor law were also actively held. The meetings were held in the format of a project group, which was an unusual way

of organizing. The first session was devoted to the topic “Development of human potential by means of labor law.

On October 16, the first meeting of the student scientific circle of business law was held, which will be devoted to the main activities of the Circle.

In addition to the work of student scientific circles, work was actively carried out in the organization of larger events. The student scientific society, together with teachers of the Faculty of Law and practicing lawyers, organized an introductory event, at which the most exciting students were discussed. To help first-year students decide where science comes from and how to take the first steps in grant and project activities, relevant questions and topics were asked. This event was held within the walls of Kazan Federal University on September 16.

On September 30, a public lecture was held on the relationship between science and practice, which is a necessary component in the professional activities of a lawyer.

Speakers at the event:

1. Deputy Dean for Educational Activities of the Faculty of Law of KFU, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor Olga Cheparina.
2. Judge of the Twelfth Arbitration Court of Appeal, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Land and Environmental Law of the Saratov State Law Academy, Member of the Scientific and Methodological Council of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia, Honorary Expert in Social and Human Sciences of the Zh. Balasagyn Kyrgyz National University Tatyana Volkova on the topic: “Development of innovative practice-oriented forms of education in modern legal education.”

On the same day, a meeting of the Student Scientific Civil Law Circle of the Civil Club was held in parallel, which was devoted to the main activities of the Circle, as well as a master class on writing scientific articles in the civil law direction.

Already on October 14, 2021, a call for applications for the VI International Legal Convention “Economic Analysis of Law through the Prism of Intersectoral Relations” was announced, and on November 26, the Convention itself was held in two formats: online and offline. At the plenary session, a welcoming speech was made by: Deputy Dean of the KFU Faculty of Law for Scientific Activities, Editor-in-Chief of the journals “Herald of Civil Procedure” and “Kazan University Law Review”, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Honored Lawyer of the Republic of Tatarstan Damir Valeev; Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Law for International Affairs, Head of the Department of Theory and History of State and Law, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor Rustem Davletgildeev; Head of the Department of Environmental Labor Law and Civil Procedure, Chairman of the Dissertation Council of KFU, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor Zavdat Safin; Head of the Department of International and European Law, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor

Adel Abdullin; Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Criminalistics Alexander Epikhin; Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Law Arsen Balafendiev.

The opening ceremony was followed by a lecture by Andrey Pavlov, Candidate of legal Sciences, Assistant Professor at the Department of Environmental Labor Law and Civil Procedure of Faculty of Law of the Kazan Federal University. The presentation was devoted to intersectoral relations in law, as well as the connection of law with other areas of knowledge. The speech interested not only people of science, but also practical figures.

At 12:00 o'clock on the same day, 14 sections began their work: "Economic analysis of law through the prism of inter-branch relations" (English-speaking course); educational law; International law; Family law; labor law; Civilistic process; Business Law; Criminal process; Criminal law; Environmental and land law; Theory and history of state and law; Constitutional law; Tax and financial law; Civil law. The remote format was supplemented by face-to-face participation of students of the Faculty of Law of KFU, which made it possible to maintain the balance of live communication, which is needed in our time and is especially important for people of science.

The work of all sections was well-coordinated and truly comprehensive, because each of the areas of our legal science has been associated with related industries for a very long time, therefore inter-industry relations remain the constant soloist of Jurisprudence.

The Convention is a traditionally multifaceted and multifaceted event, therefore, along with the work of sections, subject Olympiads were also held. This year, two such Olympiads were held — in criminal procedure and in civil procedure. At 15:40, both Olympiads began in a remote format, so that participants with different knowledge capital still have equal opportunities to prove themselves. This is how one of the biggest scientific events of the University took place.

Further, the scientific society again actively continued its activities. Already on February 9, the collection of applications for the traditional competition "All-Russian Judicial Debates", held annually within the walls of Kazan Federal University, started. On February 15, the first meeting of the Judicial Debate club began. As part of the club's work, storylines were analyzed to prepare for participation in the moot court, preparation, and discussion of legal positions, in particular, preparations were made for the "All-Russian Judicial Debate 2022" in the section of civil proceedings.

The meeting was held:

The head of scientific research work of students, lawyer, chairman of the bar association "Laws and Facts" of the Republic of Tatarstan Yuri Lukin, lawyers Damir Nizamov and Ramis Abyanov.

The “All-Russian Judicial Debate 2022” itself was held on April 22–23, 2022 within the walls of Kazan Federal University.

Traditionally, in April, a meeting of all participants was held in person. The grand opening began on April 22 at 10 am Moscow time.

The first to speak were Vice-Rector for Educational Activities of Kazan Federal University Ekaterina Turilova and Dean of the Faculty of Law of KFU Lilia Bakulina. It was noted how valuable and important it is to meet face-to-face for the Model Trial.

The opening was also attended by Deputy Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the Volga District Igor Smolensky, Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan for Administrative Cases Eduard Kaminsky, member of the Council of the Chamber of Advocates of the Republic of Tatarstan Elena Gilmitdinova, judge of the Twelfth Arbitration Court of Appeal, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Land and Environmental Law of the Saratov State Law Academy Tatyana Volkova, Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers, Candidate of Legal Sciences Vyacheslav Gussyakov, Managing Partner of ATL Zenit Damir Nizamov, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensic Science of the KFU Faculty of Law, Candidate of Legal Sciences Artur Ibragimov.

Among the guests were also the head of the department for regulatory legal acts of the constituent entity of the Russian Federation and the maintenance of the federal register, the maintenance of the register of municipalities, the registration, and maintenance of the register of charters of municipal educational entities of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation for the Republic of Tatarstan Rifat Rakhimov, the chairman of the judicial composition of the Judicial Collegium for Civil affairs of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Airat Gayanov, the head of the department for the restoration of citizens' rights under the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Republic of Tatarstan Artem Bartenev, and there were also representatives from the Federal Bailiff Service of the Republic of Tatarstan.

The event started with scientific activities, master classes were held by leading lawyers. Andrey Pavlov Candidate of Legal Sciences, Assistant Professor of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Procedure of the Faculty of Law of Kazan Federal University, spoke on the topic “Modern digital technologies in the activities of a trial lawyer”. Roman Fedorov, Deputy Head of the Department for Drug Control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the Republic of Tatarstan, Police Lieutenant Colonel, gave a master class on criminal proceedings with the topic: “Peculiarities of detecting and documenting crimes related to drug trafficking”. The first day ended with the battle of the first round. 19 battles were held simultaneously: 8 in the criminal justice section and 11 in the civil justice section.



The judges for the first round were:

Judges of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan, namely: Marcel Fakhriev, Rustam Yarullin, Ildar Khaev, Ilzida Karimova, Murman Silagadze; Judge of the Arbitration Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Aidar Galiullin, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Business Law of the St. Petersburg Institute of the All-Russian State University of Justice (Russian Law Academy of the Ministry of Justice of Russia) Veronika Kuzbagarova, Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers Vyacheslav Gusyakov, Judge of the Twelfth Arbitration Appeal Court, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Land and Environmental Law of the Saratov State Law Academy Tatyana Volkova, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Civil Procedure of the V.F. Yakovlev Ural State Law University Sergey Degtyarev, Head of the Legal Department of the Public Joint Stock Company “Nizhnekamskneftekhim” Aidar Sultanov, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Civil Procedure of the V.F. Yakovlev Ural State Law University Igor Renz, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Senior Lecturer, Department of Business Law, Civil and Arbitration Procedure, Perm State National Research University Evgeniya Lyubimova, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Procedure of the Kazan Federal University Marat Zagidullin, Managing Partner Limited Liability Company “Legal Expert” Timur Khairullin, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Assistant of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Procedure of the Kazan Federal University Andrey Pavlov, Deputy Chairman for Criminal Cases of the Novo-Savinovsky District Court of Kazan Oleg Semenov, Attorney, Chairman of the Lawyers Association “Laws and facts” of the Republic of Tatarstan Yuri Lukin, Senior Assistant Prosecutor of the Vakhitovsky District of Kazan Mikhail Zhelaev, Head of the Criminal Court Department of the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Tatarstan Rafael Shakirov, military prosecutor of the Kazan garrison, major of justice Munko Tsyrenov, Head of the second department for the investigation of particularly important cases of the Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for the Republic of Tatarstan, colonel of justice Rustem Adiatullin, lawyer of the Legal Defense Center Bar Association Aidar Gilyazov, Chairman of the Kirovsky District Court of the city of Kazan Oleg Sokolov, Deputy Chairman of the Kirovsky District Court of the city of Kazan Dina Sibgatullina, as well as Judge of the Kirovsky District Court of the city of Kazan Lilia Galiullina, Lawyer of the Bar Association “Legal Protection Center” Lenar Miftakhiev, Head of the 384th Military Investigative Department for the Kazan garrison, lieutenant colonel of justice Alexander Salapov, assistant prosecutor of the Soviet district of the city of Kazan, third-class lawyer Ilnur Fattakhov, lawyer of the Chamber of Lawyers of the Republic of Tatarstan Pavel Mazurenko.



The morning of April 23 — the second competition day — began with the announcement of the results of the first round and the presentation of certificates, and then the second round of the event began. As part of this stage of the competition, participants assessed the evidence for relevance and admissibility, wrote draft procedural documents, studied procedural documents for compliance with their requirements of the law, and also demonstrated their theoretical skills within the framework of selected legal 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 bear the title of winner of the All-Russian Judicial Debate 2022.

The judges of the final round were: Deputy Chairman of the Arbitration Court of the Volga District Igor Smolensky, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of the Department of Civil Procedure of the Ural State Law University Dmitry Abushenko, Judge of the Twelfth Arbitration Court of Appeal Tatyana Volkova, Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers Vyacheslav Gusakov, Doctor of Legal sciences, Professor of the Department of Civil Procedure, V. F. Yakovlev Ural State Law University Igor Renz, Judge of the Arbitration Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Aidar Galiullin, Managing Partner of the Legal Expert Limited Liability Company Timur Khairullin, Partner of ATL Zenit Ramis Abyanov, Chairman of the Tyulachinsky District Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Ramil Bikmiev, Investigator for especially important cases of the Investigation Department for the Vakhitovsky District of Kazan of the Investigation Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia for the Republic of Tatarstan Senior Lieutenant of Justice Elza Khismatullina, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Tatarstan Rushan Mardanov, Deputy Chairman for Criminal Cases of the Novo-Savinovsky District Court of Kazan Oleg Semenov, Judge of the Kirovsky District Court of the city of Kazan Sergey Stepanov.

The XVIII student model litigation “All-Russian Judicial Debate 2022” was held with the support of the law firm “ATL Zenith”, the Lawyers' Association “Law and facts” of the Republic of Tatarstan. Thus, the long-awaited “All-Russian judicial debate 2022” has ended.

Meanwhile, on February 15, 2022, the acceptance of applications for the Final Scientific and Educational Conference was announced, within which, especially for students studying in the first year of the Faculty of Law of Kazan Federal University, together with the Department of Theory and History of State and Law, within the framework of the Final Scientific and Educational Conference of students of the Faculty of Law was announced testing on the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945.

On April 16, 2022, the Final Scientific and Educational Conference was held within the walls of Kazan Federal University in the following areas: administrative law, constitutional and municipal law, tax and financial law, civil, arbitration and administrative process, civil law and family law, theory and history of state and law,

international public law, and international humanitarian law, private international law, European law, business and energy law, sports law, theory and methodology of teaching law, criminal law, penitentiary law, criminology, criminal procedure, court and justice, criminalistics, prosecutorial supervision, environmental and land law.

Also, with the support of the Student Scientific Society, a Competition for the best scientific work of students of Kazan Federal University was organized!

Students of any form of education took part. The scientific works of students or student teams under the guidance of a supervisor were accepted for the Competition. The main directions of the Competition were: natural sciences, engineering and technical sciences, social sciences and humanities.

In addition, the Student Scientific Society actively continued to maintain contact with other student scientific societies in Russia and took part in the Association of Student Scientific Societies of the Republic of Tatarstan.

The academic year at Kazan Federal University ended quite fruitfully and effectively.

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