



Dear readers,

I would like to present for your attention the fourth regular issue of the journal “Kazan University Law Review” in 2021.

The issue you are holding now has articles on vital questions of theory and practice of Russian and foreign law.

The issue starts with the article by Adeola Olufunke Kehinde, Candidate of Law of the Federal University of Oye-Ekiti, “Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the environment and the judicial system: the Nigeria context”. The author of this article gives the concept of Covid-19, considers its origin, and analyzes the consequences and impact on the environment, in particular, on the Nigerian society. The impact of COVID-19 on the administration of justice in Nigeria has been noted. The study also reflects the various efforts of the Nigerian government to ensure environmental sustainability. An interim conclusion was also made that most of the laws regulating environmental protection were not observed during and after the pandemic, which is also given by the author's assessment.

The issue continues with an article by Candidate of Legal Sciences, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology of the P.G. Demidov Yaroslavl State University Lyudmila Kuleva “Categorization of criminal acts in the legislation of the post-Soviet countries”. The author of this article analyzed the legislative models for the classification of crimes (criminal acts) of the former Soviet republics, and also described their impact on the criminal law consequences. A proposal has been put forward to borrow promising norms for the domestic system of categories of crimes.

I am sincerely glad to present to you the study of the Associate Professor of the Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law of Kazan Federal University, Alsu Khurmatullina and Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of Environmental, Labor Law and Civil Procedure of Kazan Federal University, Larisa Kirillova “The history of the formation and development of the magistracy at the Faculty of Law of Kazan University”. The article reveals the features of the second stage of Russian education — the

magistracy, which appeared in the course of the development of the Bologna Declaration in the Russian education system. Important are the highlighted features of master's programs implemented at the Faculty of Law of Kazan Federal University. The authors provide statistical data in numerical terms, reflecting the importance of a master's program for a student today.

With best regards,
Editor-in-Chief
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