



Dear readers,

I would like to present for your attention the second regular issue of the journal “Kazan University Law Review” in 2020.

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 Lecturer of the Institute of Human Resource Advancement of the University of Colombo Karawita Arachchige Akalanka Nuwan Thilakarathna «The Paradox of Diplomatic Immunity: A Comparative Approach with Practices from Sri Lanka, South Africa and India». In this article explores the historical development of the diplomatic immunity, the chronological order of the history of the Vienna Convention and its key provisions, the actual state practices, the instance of abuse, and possible reforms suggested in mitigating the abuse.

The issue is continued by the article of our colleague from Kazan, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Kazan Federal University Liliya Bakulina, titled «Doctrinal characteristic of the theory of the contractual legal regulation». The author argues that the general theory of contractual legal regulation is defined as a system of theoretical views and initial scientific provisions, expressed in the categorical and conceptual apparatus of the general theory of law, which makes it possible to reveal the essence and content, functions and forms of manifestation, levels and types of impact on social relations using contractual regulatory means.

I am very pleased to introduce the research of Sergey Kurochkin, Candidate of Legal Sciences, Associate Professor of the Department of theory of State and Law of the Ural State Law University: «Goals of Civil Litigation: Finding of a Common Understanding to Ensure Litigation Efficiency». The article presents an analysis of existing views on the goals of civil proceedings, including based on methods of Law and economics; an attempt is made to synthesize a common understanding of the goals of civil litigation, which allows to give an objective assessment of its effectiveness. The main goal of civil litigation is considered the effective protection of the rights and legitimate interests of participants in legal relations, correlated with the actual results achieved and the costs of court proceedings.

The “Commentaries” section has interesting article by researcher from Krasnodar: Larisa Schennikova, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor, Head of the Department of Civil Law of the Kuban State University, titled «Theoretical basis of the social direction of civil legal regulation». The author dwells on the analysis of the norms of the constitutions of several dozen countries of the world in order to create a collective image of a modern social state. Taking into account the experience of social policy of the leading countries of the world, the author was able to draw the necessary conclusions, which are important to consider when targeting the modernization of civil law norms. In conclusion, the author notes that the goal of the sectoral civil legislation is to create a socially oriented economy, which implies equal opportunities for participants in civil life and allows for the welfare of individuals. The importance of giving a social function to the right of ownership is proved, the content of which must be ensured by the totality of property law norms.

The practical section of the current issue “Conference Reviews” concludes with the material of our colleagues from Kazan on the events, which was held at the Faculty of Law of the Kazan Federal University in the spring of 2020.

*With best regards,
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