



Dear readers,

I would like to present for your attention the second regular issue of the journal “KAZAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW” in 2019.

This issue presents articles on issues of theory and practice of Russian and foreign law.

The opening article is written by Professor of Azerbaijan State Economics University *Oktay Efendiev*. His article “Trade and economic issues of landlocked states and their international legal regulation” highlights pressing issues for today’s situation in the world. It is important to note that the article discusses not only the main problems of the countries without access to the open sea but also other topical issues in the sphere of international cooperation. At the same time, the author addresses some difficulties in improving transit-transport legal relations and the customs system of this group of countries.

The next article of the issue is the article of our colleague from Poland, *Mateusz Rojewski*, Polish Academy of Sciences. “Golden share as a special privilege of the State Treasury in the Polish legal system”. The main purpose of this article is the synthetic analysis of the golden share institution in the Polish legal system. The author explains the basics and the core of the institution of golden share and enables the specialists to extend and consolidate their knowledge of the subject. Furthermore, by dint of the rulings of Polish Supreme Court and Court of Justice of the European Union included in the article, this type of contract is presented in practical terms.

I am pleased to present research of our colleague from Sevastopol State University, Director of Law Institute *Vladimir Koval*. His article “Basic aspects of legal regulation of merchant shipping” addresses important issues of regulation and the emergence of merchant shipping. Vladimir Koval analyses the historical activities in this sphere and the current issues, for example, he discusses the work of the legal section of the All-Russian Congress of Sea Pilots on August 1, 1923 in Petrograd and the development of shipping internationally.

The “Commentary” part contains a very interesting article on topical issues of tax law “Dependent agent in double tax treaties of Russia: a legal analysis of criteria”. It is written by young scholars from Moscow *Lyaysan Mingazova* and *Denis Akhmetyanov* who are former graduates of Kazan Federal University.

The issue finishes with the “Conference reviews” containing the article by our colleague from Kutafin University (MSAL), Moscow, on one of the events of the IV Moscow

Legal Forum dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the birth of Professor Dmitry Meyer, as well as the article by the scholars of Kazan Federal University, who presented the fifteen-year history of creation and realization of the annual student model trial “All-Russian Judicial Debates”.

With best regards,
Editor-in-Chief
Damir Valeev