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### **Legal status of commodity markets: new legislative approach and issues of implementation**

**Keywords:** commodity market, noncommercial organization, the leading market player, Federal law "On organized markets", organized market, legal form of organization

The legal status of commodity markets is a matter of a long-standing controversy. Can a commodity market set up as a noncommercial organisation operate as the leading market player? What implications do the latest legislative amendments and a new Federal law "On organised markets" have for commodity markets' legal status? How are a commodity market's legal form of organization and its role of the leading market player related?

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### **St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Nice (Cathédrale Orthodoxe Saint-Nicolas de Nice) on the scales of French justice. Article three**

**Keywords:** St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Nice, dispute about the ownership right to St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral and the title to the land, lease contract of emphyteusis

Sequel to a story about a dispute between Russia and Russian Orthodox Religious Association of Patriarchate Constantinople concerning the ownership right to St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Nice and all property inside it and the land attached to it heard in 2006—2011. A.N. Aristov was an interpreter for the party of Russia at the proceedings. The articles are based on the documents from the author's personal archives.

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### **Animals protection laws in Argentine: some aspects**

**Keywords:** Argentine, protection of animals' rights, animals-companions, farm animals, wild animals in captivity, rights and duties of the owners of the animal  
Can animals-companions, farm animals, wild animals in captivity have rights? Who determines the rights and duties of the owners of the animal? The author tries to find the answers to the questions in the laws of Argentine.

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### **Legal environment of developing innovative activity in the Russian Federation**

**Keywords:** innovations, innovative activity, investments, public private partnership, megaproject, science

The article analyses the grounds of legal regulation of innovative activity in Russia. The author states the purposes and principles of legal regulation of innovative activity, determines the areas of improving the legislation in this area.

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### **Criminal-law provisions countering anti-competitive attempts: issues in theory and practice**

**Keywords:** non-admission, restriction, elimination of competition; unfair competition; criminal liability

The article deals with the criminal-law provisions countering anti-competitive attempts. The respective rules of the Russian Criminal Code and their relation with anti-trust laws are examined. The problems of their enforcement are analyzed and certain theoretical and practical issues of countering anti-competitive crimes are discussed.

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### **Amendments to the laws regulating the activity of public-private companies (municipal unitary enterprises)**

**Keywords:** public-private company (municipal unitary enterprise), business activity, procurement, provision for procurement

The article deals with the changes in the activity of public-private companies caused by the new Federal law "On procurement of goods and services by certain legal entities".

There is particular emphasis on the legal nature of the provision for procurement which under the new law aims to regulate this kind of activity.

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### **Legal aspects of employer-trade union interaction in workplace assessment by labour conditions**

**Keywords:** workplace safety, workplace assessment by labour conditions, trade union  
Problems arising in the course of workplace assessment by labour conditions carried out by the employer are examined in the article. The liability of the company, its directors is discussed in the event when workplace assessment has been carried out with violations of the procedure specified in the law or when workplaces have not been assessed at all.

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### **Reintroduction of "objective truth" into the Russian Criminal Procedural Code: pro et contra**

**Keywords:** objective truth, judicial truth, draft law examination, court's active participation in proof, presumption of innocence, psychology of judicial cognitive process

The reasonableness of using the concept "objective truth" in criminal trials is examined together with the draft law provisions proposing to reintroduce the concept into the Russian Criminal Procedural Code.

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### **Types of rest time**

**Keywords:** types of rest time, work breaks (during a working day), daily rest (between work shifts), days-off (weekly continuous rest), holidays (non-working days), improvement of labour laws

The author looks for new approaches to the concept of rest time as a legal concept. The author examines the institutions of work breaks (during a working day), daily rest (between work shifts), days-off (weekly continuous rest), holidays (non-working days) provided for by the rules of the Russian labour law and international labour standards. The conclusions made by the author serve as proposals to amend the related provisions of the Russian Labour Code.

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### **The review of amendments to the Russian civil legislation on pledge and loan contracts**

**Keywords:** pledge contract, Russian Civil code, draft law, loan agreement, property, legal relationship

If the draft law "On amending parts one, two, three and four of the Russian Civil Code and some other laws of the Russian Federation" is approved by the State Duma, the Code including its provisions on pledge and loan contracts will be fundamentally changed.

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### **Economic function of the state and its reflection in commercial justice**

**Keywords:** Civil law, the state, commercial justice, public interest, private interest

The economic activity of the state needs to be supported by commercial justice which is meant to protect both public and private interests. The author takes the decisions of Russian commercial courts to show that the aim of commercial justice is to protect the common wealth, to provide for national economic development, to preserve national mineral resources for future generations.

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### **Criminal law science in Russia in the 1860s—1880s. Article three**

**Keywords:** Theoretical jurisprudence in Russia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, theory of crime, theory of punishment, V.D. Spasovich, P.D. Kalmykov, S.M. Budzinsky, A.F. Kistiakovsky, N.S. Tagantsev

The article deals with the development of the Russian criminal legal science in the 1860s—1880s. There are considered theories of crime and punishment created by Russian legal writers in that period.