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TRANS-BORDER CONSUMER CONTRACTS: LIMITS OF THE PARTIES AUTONOMY

Keywords: consumer contract, choice-of-law agreement, party autonomy, private international law, applicable law

Various mechanisms regulating conflict of laws in trans-border consumer contracts are examined in the article. Conflict of laws regulation of trans-border consumer contracts as applied in Russia, EU members and the USA is compared.

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MECHANISM OF TRANSFORMING THE SUBJECT OF OBLIGATION PERFORMANCE IN THE COURSE OF ITS NOVATION

Keywords: obligation, novation, the subject of performance, subject of obligation, extinction of obligation, transformation of obligation

Theoretical and practical approaches to determination of novation criteria with the subject of obligation performance being transformed are examined in the article. The comparative description of the concepts "subject of obligation performance", "subject of obligation", "novation", "transformation of obligation" is given and the notion of "subject structure of obligation" is justified. Main mechanisms of novation through transformation of the subject of obligation performance are thoroughly examined.

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INDIVIDUAL AMENABILITY OF DIRECTORS OF JOINT STOCK COMPANIES

Keywords: joint stock company, infliction of losses, liability of directors

Are directors of joint stock companies liable to being brought to judgment? What causes of action are recognized by the law? What are courts focused on when dealing with such cases? Courts' rulings are examined in the article which concern directors of joint stock companies being brought to judgment for losses caused to the company.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF LENDING INSTITUTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS IN THE SPHERE OF COMBATING MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING: CONTROVERSIAL NEW PROVISIONS

Keywords: laws on combating money laundering and terrorism financing, administrative offences, Bank of Russia, lending institutions

Amendments to the Russian Code of Administrative offences and the Federal law "On combating money laundering and terrorism financing" which took effect on January 24, 2011 are quite short. However, their provisions establish a new pattern of relations between Russian banking supervisory body (Bank of Russia) and lending institutions. Their positive and negative consequences are examined in the article both for lending institutions and banking supervision in the Russian Federation.

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DEFENDANT IN THE ACTION CONCERNING DEMOLITION OF UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION

Keywords: unauthorized construction, demolition of unauthorized construction, right of ownership, estate

Instances of erecting unauthorized constructions are quite common, that is why the rules of their demolition should be comprehensible and effective. The party whose rights are infringed by erected unauthorized construction should be fully aware what to do and where to bring the claim to. However, those questions remain unanswered because as follows from courts' rulings judicial interpretations of the Russian Civil Code respective provision are in conflict with its essence.

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ISSUES OF LEGALLY CONFIRMED PUBLIC REPORTS ON LANDS CADASTRAL APPRAISAL

Keywords: land fee, public cadastral appraisal of lands, cadastral price, publication of regulation, tax laws and land laws, land disputes

Issues of industry classification and legal character of acts confirming public reports on lands cadastral appraisal are raised in the article as well as procedure of the acts confirmation and publication, their mandatory scope and content. The author believes that since there is no consent between theory and practice in answering the above questions land disputes arising from public reports on lands cadastral appraisal are inevitable.

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MANDATORY BID AS A MEANS OF PROTECTION OF SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

Keywords: takeovers, mandatory bid, corporate means of protection of shareholders' rights, acquisition of indirect control, limits of protection rights

Mandatory bid as a means of protection of shareholders' rights is analyzed in the publication. The author suggests legislative solutions to problems arising in connection with an acquisition of indirect control.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IN RUSSIA IN THE 1860S—1880S (COMMEMORATING EMPEROR'S ALEXANDER II DEATH IN 1881). ARTICLE FIVE

Keywords: constitution, reforms, constitutional issues in Russia, notes by S.A. Muromtsev, grand prince Konstantin Nikolayevich and M.T. Loris-Melikov

The article describes political and ideological struggle around the constitution and prospects of monarchy in Russia in the 1860s-1880s. It describes the ideas formed up in the ruling class to introduce constitutional government in Russia. The author reveals ideological and political background of controversies about transforming autocratic-monarchical government into constitutional monarchy.

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MERCHANDISING AND ADVERTISING OF MEDICAL PRODUCTS UNDER MODERN LEGAL RESTRICTIONS

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Are there specific features of advertising and distant sale of such goods as medical products? What are specific features of noncommercial information promotion in this sphere? Deficient legal regulation of information about medical products is highlighted and common violations of laws on medicine advertising are exemplified by real work of anti-trust agencies.

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CUSTOM AS A SOURCE OF RUSSIAN LAW IN SLAVOPHILES' PERSPECTIVE

Keywords: slavophiles, custom, source of law, hierarchy of sources, social conduct, modern legislation, legal science, legal theory

The article deals with the unknowns Slavophiles' theory about custom as a source of Russian law. The importance of the study is growing in terms of the controversy around the hierarchy of sources of Russian law and the position of a legal custom in it. Examining Slavophiles' heritage the author comes to the conclusion that unique historic Russian traditions, established and lasting forms of social conduct should be accounted for in modern Russian legislation.