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PROCEDURE: HISTORY, CURRENT STATE AND PERSPECTIVES*

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This article is devoted to the results of the VI annual Symposium of the journal "Herald of Civil Procedure" held on 27 and 28 September 2019 on the premises of the Faculty of Law of the Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University (KFU). The Symposium took place with the participation of the editorial board of the journal "Civil Law Review" and was titled "2019 – Civil Law and Procedure: History, Current State and Perspectives (Coinciding with the Bicentennial of D.I. Meyer)." The editorial board of the journal "Herald of Civil Procedure" annually invites outstanding legal scholars and practitioners in the field of civil procedure to Kazan to attend the Symposium of the journal "Herald of Civil Procedure". In only six years, the Symposium has become not only an annual tradition, but also a brand name. The Symposium is an anchor event not only of the Law Faculty of the KFU, but also of the entire Kazan Federal University, which each year cordially welcomes leading civil procedure scholars. In addition, the Symposium hosts participants, friends and interested listeners, and has created a platform for large-scale discussions at the highest level. The first and each subsequent Symposium are consistent in scope and organization. Yet, each year something new appears, some highlight that gives the event a unique character and momentum for moving forward, developing, improving and raising the level of engagement.

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On 27 and 28 September 2019, Kazan Federal University hosted the VI annual Symposium of the journal “Herald of Civil Procedure.” The first Symposium was held in the spring of 2014. Since then, each year collegial gatherings of the civil law and procedural legal science community have become not only a tradition, but a large-scale platform for discussions. The theme of the Symposium held in the early autumn of 2019 was “2019 – Civil Law and Procedure: History, Current State and Perspectives.”

The event was launched with the greeting by the Rector of Kazan University Ilshat Gafurov who noted that 2019 was a year rich in memorable dates for Kazan Federal University: it was the 215th anniversary of the establishment of the University and the bicentenary of the birth of D.I. Meyer.

Pavel Krashennnikov, a Russian statesman, continued the opening remarks of the event with his speech and introduction of his new book. The book is an edition of the works of the pioneer of Russian civil law D.I. Meyer, with two volumes especially prepared for the 200th anniversary of the birth of the outstanding legal scholar.

The first part of the formal presentations at the Symposium commenced with reports delivered by the Chairman of the Intellectual Property Court Lyudmila Novoselova on the theme “Objects of Civil Rights – Modern Tendencies”¹ and Professor Andrei Gabov on the theme “Evolution of the Registration System of Creation of Legal Entities in Russia: Main Tendencies and Problems.”²

Participants next heard from Professor Roza Sitdikova who shared her scientific legal perspective and experience. She presented the views of the Kazan legal school on a distinct epoch in the history of Kazan University in her report “Correlation of Theoretical and Practical Parts in Legal Education: Scientific Views of D.I. Meyer and the Modern Approach.”³ She was followed by Associate Professor of the University of Warsaw Turlukowski Yaroslav who presented his research on questions of foreign law titled “Conditional Testament in Polish Law.”⁴

¹ Overview: Ekaterina P. Rusakova et al., *Digital Rights as a New Object of Civil Rights: Issues of Substantive and Procedural Law* (Aug. 10, 2020), available at https://www.researchgate.net/publication/339432221_Digital_Rights_as_a_New_Object_of_Civil_Rights_Issues_of_Substantive_and_Procedural_Law.

² Overview: H.C. Edey, *Company Accounting in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries in Evolution of Corporate Financial Reporting* 222 (T.A. Lee & R.H. Parker (eds.), London: Routledge, 1979).

³ Overview: Alfred Schabmann et al., *Knowledge, Awareness of Problems, and Support: University Instructors’ Perspectives on Dyslexia in Higher Education*, 35(2) *European Journal of Special Needs Education* 273 (2020).

⁴ Overview: Jakub Trnka et al., *The Role of Primary Care Physicians in Enabling Validation of a Patient’s Ability to Make Legal Statements and Express a Last Will*, 19(3) *Family Medicine and Primary Care Review* 319 (2017).

The first part of the Symposium ended with a talk by moderators Damir Valeev and Andrey Gabov, who summed up the first day's discussions and expressed the hope that the Symposium will continue to contribute to the development of civil procedure going forward to new heights.

Andrei Gabov emphasized that:

We've tried to combine law and procedure. Tomorrow is the second day, let's see how it goes then. For it seems to me that we need to think about how to connect law with procedure once again. Summing up, my colleagues, I'd like to say what I especially like about the event held in Kazan is the level of organization. No hitches, no complaints, no dissatisfaction, only a sense of scholarly satisfaction and pleasure from how well it's organized.

On the second day, the Symposium continued its work with part two divided into two sections: "Contract Law: Evolution of the Development and Novelties of Legal Thought" and "Legal Clinic and Modern Practice-Oriented Technologies for Teaching Civil Procedure," during which reports from leading procedural lawyers were presented.

The Symposium was attended by over 150 people, including representatives from ten courts of the Russian Federation and more than thirty universities of Russia, Poland and Kazakhstan.

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