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### I. Monograph

No.	No. in group	Title, bibliographic description, abstract
1.	1.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency as a Specialized State Body for Quality Assurance of Higher Education.</b> Varna: Science and Economy, 2025, 232. - (Bibl. Prof. Cani Kalyandziev; Book. 103). <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1192-4</b></p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p> <p>The monographic work is a complex legal study of the NEAA as a specialized body for assessment, accreditation and quality control of the activities of higher education institutions. Its activities are aimed at stimulating and controlling higher education institutions to ensure and improve the quality of education offered. The monograph provides a legal analysis of the structure, the powers, the legal nature of the acts issued by the NEAA, the control exercised by the agency to ensure the quality of higher education, as well as the judicial review of its acts.</p> <p>The relevance of the research problem stems, on the one hand, from the continuous legislative changes in the legal framework in the field of higher education and in particular with regard to the agency, on the other hand, from the continuing interest of the general public in the reform of higher education and especially in the quality of Bulgarian higher education.</p> <p>The scientific aim of the monographic work is to make a theoretical study of the NEAA as a specialized state body - the structure, the powers, the legal nature of the acts issued by the NEAA, the control exercised by the agency to ensure the quality of higher education, as well as the judicial review of its acts. The analysis made is complex, including both a historical comparative legal study of the legislation on the structure, the powers and acts of the bodies of the Agency, and an analysis of the current legal framework. The object of the study is the current legislation regulating the organization and activities of the agency (as well as case law).</p> <p>The study is structured in three chapters, in which the structure, powers and acts of the NEAA bodies are analysed in relation to each other.</p>



		<p>Chapter 1 examines in a historical comparative legal aspect the legal framework of the NEAA as a specialised body of state administration, as well as its structure. It defines the type of body according to the known classifications, examines its interaction with the bodies entrusted with functions in the field of higher education. A comparative legal study with other countries is also made.</p> <p>Chapter Two is devoted to the powers of the NEAA bodies. It examines the legal framework of the powers of the Agency's governing bodies and subsidiary bodies. Accreditation and project evaluation procedures and types of control are also analysed.</p> <p>Chapter Three examines the acts of the governing bodies of the NEAA, adopted within the framework of their powers, establishing their legal substance. Judicial review of the acts is also examined. On the basis of the analysis in the individual parts, summaries, conclusions and proposals de lege ferenda for improving the legislation are drawn.</p> <p>Historical, comparative legal, dialectical, critical-analytical methods are used as the methodological basis of the study.</p>
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## II. Monographs and scientific studies

No.	No. in group	Title, bibliographic description, abstract
2.	1.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Legal Regime of the Public Procurement Contract.</b> [Book on the base of a dissertation]. Varna: FIL, 2024, p. 239.  <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-9741-69-8</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>This study is a book published on the basis of a defended dissertation. The dissertation is a comprehensive legal study of the public procurement contract as one of the main legal instituts in the specific regulation of the Public Procurement Act. The Public Procurement Act (PPA) is one of the fundamental and important laws regulating the procedures for the expenditure of public funds by public procurement contractors – both public contractors (state and municipal authorities, etc.) and sectoral contractors. It is important for market regulation, promoting competition and competitiveness. The PPA is also a law of public importance, given that public funds are spent for the public benefit. In recent years, public procurement has become increasingly important in economic and social terms.</p> <p>The implementation of the law has given rise to a number of problems that necessitate changes in the regulations. Adaptation to European norms and their subsequent amendment are also reasons for amending and harmonizing our national legislation. Since its adoption in 2004, it has been amended 33 times, and in 2016 a completely new law was adopted. For this reason, problems related to public procurement, especially public procurement contracts, are extremely actual. A public procurement contract is a specific legal institut which, in addition to the general features characteristic of obligational and commercial contracts, also has individual features. The problem has been the subject of numerous separate studies,</p>



mainly of a procedural nature, particularly in the area of contractor selection procedures. In its complex nature, the public procurement contract has not been clarified in doctrine, and individual authors mainly analyze the legal definition in the Public Procurement Act, which has undergone several legislative amendments. This is indicative of the existing regulatory uncertainty and, at the same time, the relevance of the legal institution under study.

The **actuality** of the examined problem is linked, on the one hand, to the new Public Procurement Act, which, based on doctrinal achievements, experience gained to date, case law, and best practices, lays down the regulatory framework for public procurement contracts on the basis of the previous legislative decision, but in line with European standards. On the other hand, its relevance is also of interest in view of its connection with the institut of the contract in obligation law and, respectively, with the administrative contract. In law as a whole, there is an ongoing process of negotiation, which in the context of this work can be viewed through the prism of the public procurement contract. All these reasons provoke interest in the problem, which, apart from its narrow aspect of significance for public procurement and related subjects, also affects the legal doctrine of general contract law. The relevance of the problem that prompted the author to undertake this study is primarily related to the lack of a comprehensive study of the institut of public procurement contract in contemporary Bulgarian legal doctrine. At different stages of its development, the legal regulation of public procurement has undergone several trends in its understanding of the nature and relevance of this contract to the basic legal institut of the contract in civil law. Although this is not directly reflected in the normative texts of the law, it can be inferred indirectly from procedural aspects concerning the formation of intent, conclusion, appeal procedures, etc. Researchers in this field are also changing their thinking in line with the genesis of the development of public procurement contract. In this sense, the author offers a different presentation of the subject, based on the achievements of authors from various legal fields related to the institut of contracts and refracting them through the specifics of public procurement.

The **subject** of this study is the legal regulation of public procurement contract in Bulgarian legislation. Given the complex nature of the issue under consideration, this dissertation focuses on substantive legal regulation, while procedural norms are examined only in relation to the procedure for selecting a contractor and the various types of control.

This study **aims** to examine the institut of public procurement contract mainly in its current regulatory framework, but at the same time it provides a retrospective (with previous legislative decisions in our national legislation) and comparative legal analysis (with norms from foreign legislations and EU law). On this basis, its essence will be clarified, critical comments will be made, and specific proposals for future changes in the regulatory framework will be made.

The study is structured in three chapters. The **first chapter** examines the historical development of public procurement in European



		<p>law and in our national legislation, as well as the classification of the sources of the legal institut. A two-level periodization has been carried out - in the development of the sources of the regulatory framework and of the public procurement contract institut. In summary, a conclusion is made about the existing relative stability in the norms regulating this legal institut despite the numerous legislative changes in the regulation of public procurement. The <b>second chapter</b> outlines the typical features characterizing the public procurement contract in order to define it and distinguish it from other contracts. Based on the analysis, its specific features are outlined, both in terms of subject matter and parties, as well as the procedure under the Public Procurement Act preceding the conclusion of the contract and the control exercised. Some new and potentially problematic issues have been identified, conclusions have been drawn, and proposals de lege ferenda have been made for future improvements to the legislation. The thesis that public procurement contracts are of a mixed nature, with predominant elements of "administrative contracts," is supported. <b>Chapter Three</b> provides a comparative analysis of public procurement contracts with similar legal instituts in national and European legislation. The main characteristics that distinguish it from contracts under the Obligations and Contracts Act and the Commercial Act are identified, as well as similarities with the administrative contract and with the institut in the Federal Republic of Germany, despite the different legislative solution. In the conclusion of the dissertation, based on the analysis of the research subject, conclusions and summaries are made, as well as proposals de lege ferenda.</p> <p>The <b>methodological basis</b> of the study is based on the use of the legal-dogmatic method, the historical method, the comparative legal method, as well as general scientific research methods – induction, deduction, and synthesis.</p> <p>The analysis of this problems and the proposal of solutions to these questions are not only of theoretical but also of great practical importance, determined by an objective social need. At present, the importance of public procurement is growing in our country. At the same time, the legislator is introducing changes to the regulatory framework to achieve greater transparency in the procedure, better control, and greater fairness in the selection of contractors. The numerous appeals against procedures due to insufficient transparency and the inability of small, medium-sized, and newly established enterprises to participate in the procedures show the need to activate the state apparatus to achieve a more transparent, less bureaucratic, and more efficient procedure.</p>
3.	2.	<p><b>Dimitrova, Diana. Chapter three</b> “Digitalization in the in the judiciary” pp. 50-68 and <b>Chapter seven</b> „Legal relations of the employees in the administration of the judiciary“. pp. 140-156</p> <p>In monograph: Dimitrova, D., Andreeva, A., Zinovieva, D., Yolova, G., Alexandrov, A., Dimitrova-Markovska, D., Radev, E., Koleva, V. Legal Relations and Status of Persons in the Judiciary in the Conditions of Digitalization. Varna: Science and Economy, 2025, p. 204.</p>



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**Summary:**

The monographic work is a complex legal study of the legal relations and status of persons in the judiciary in the conditions of digitalization. The judiciary as one of the three state authorities is distinguished by its specificity and uniqueness. In the operational organization and implementation of the activities of the judiciary are involved persons with different status and nature of activity and powers – magistrates, administrative officials, administrative heads, specialized administrative bodies – the Supreme Judicial Council and the Inspectorate. For each of these persons, there are different regimes of establishment of the legal relationship, differences in the applicable legal acts, development and termination of the legal relationship, rights and obligations. Proper clarification of the precise nature of the legal relationship, whether employment, service or specific authority by different categories of persons, is an important step towards the derivation of a unified doctrinal statement and a contribution to the uniform application of the norms. This determines the **actuality** of the topic – both in theoretical and practical aspects and its significance for the creation of a complex and unified approach to the interpretation of norms and the creation of an uncontroversial systematics on doctrinal unification. At the same time, this has an effect in the adequate application of the institutes and acts in practice – existing as contradictory and ambiguous in relation to the principles and spirit of the legal mechanism. The relevance is also conditioned by the challenges facing the judiciary related to the ongoing judicial reform and the entry of digitalization within the framework of e-government.

The **object** of the study is a comprehensive and complex analysis of the nature, specificities and development of the different categories of relations in the judicial system in the aspects of their characteristics, applicable acts and the following instruments of law enforcement in the aspect of trends and processes of digitalization.

Subordinated to the object is also the **thesis** of the monographic work, outlining the idea that the correct analysis and complex study of the characteristics and peculiarities of legal relations in the judicial system, taking into account the different categories of subjects, is a crucial element of the consistent application of the legal mechanism and its adaptability in the conditions of digitalization in order to create an effective and functioning judicial stability.

The **subject** of the study is the national legal and regulatory framework, as well as relevant European strategies and policies and international legislation, comprehensively analyzed and correspondent to the consistently-established case law.

The study is structured in eight chapters, in which national legislation, the modernization of justice in the European Union - digitalization and cross-border cooperation, the digitalization of the judiciary in Bulgaria, human resources management, the Supreme Judicial Council as a body for the management of the judiciary in the light of its normative competence, the legal relations of magistrates and judicial



		<p>officers and the compensation for the termination of the legal relations of magistrates are analyzed in relation to each other.</p> <p>On the basis of the analysis in the individual parts, summaries, conclusions and de lege ferenda proposals for improving the legislation are made.</p> <p>The <b>methodological basis</b> of the study is based on the use of formal-legal, analytical, historical, comparative-legal and dialectical approaches, as well as general scientific methods of research - induction, deduction and synthesis. Some of the means of interpretation in law are also used, in concretes – grammatical, logical, systematic, expansive interpretation; logical means of overcoming gaps in law - analogy of law (analogia iuris), as well as law enforcement by argument to the contrary (analogia per argumentum a contrario).</p>
4.	3.	<p><b>Dimitrova, Diana. Chapter two: Digitalization in the sphere of higher education pp. 59-88.</b></p> <p>In Monograph: Andreeva, A., Yolova, G. Dimitrova, D., Radev, E. Legal Aspects of Digitalization in Higher Education and Employment Relations. Varna: Knowledge and Business, 2024, 174 p. Book 25. <b>ISBN(online) 978-619-210-077-3</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The development of labour law is a process that follows the evolution of social relations in their complexity. Having emerged with a view to protecting the right to work and, in particular, the employee, labour law is called upon to develop its norms and institutes in line with the needs of society. Technological developments are having an impact on labour supply and demand, making digital skills an inevitable factor in the process of digitalisation, both in education and training systems and in the labour market.</p> <p>All this provoked the interest of the authors to examine the process of the impact of the fourth industrial revolution on the labor market in general and with trends in national terms. In this sense, the relevance of the topic is conditioned both by the extraordinary dynamics of the development of the digital society and mass digitalization, but also by their impact, which in one aspect or another can hardly be predicted.</p> <p>The scientific aim of the monographic work is to comprehensively, both doctrinally and theoretically, analyze and study the impact of digitalization on the processes of education and labor relations and the related peculiarities of the development of the respective relations and the way in which their adaptation is required.</p> <p>The object of the study is the current legal framework - European and national, regulating the trends and principles of the use of artificial intelligence and information and communication technologies in higher education and the labor market.</p> <p>The study is structured in a classical and balanced content, distributed in a sequence following the implementation of the research tasks and in its totality ensuring the realization of the scientific goal.</p>



		<p>Chapter one is devoted to the legal framework and policies at European and national level in the field of digitalization in education and the labour market.</p> <p>Chapter 2 looks at digitisation in higher education. It examines its impact on the educational process, as well as digital educational services provided by higher education institutions.</p> <p>Chapter three explores the digitisation of employment relations. The focus of the analysis is on the impact of digitalization on employment relations, its impact on the subjects of employment relations and digitalization and employability - specifics and trends.</p> <p>Chapter four is devoted to employer measures to ensure the quality of the workforce in a digital environment. Digitalisation and its impact on the rights and obligations of employees is also analysed in the necessary interrelationship.</p> <p>In this interrelation, the aspects of the monographic work serve not only the legal doctrine enriching theoretically both the labour law and the special administrative law literature in the sphere of higher education, but are also useful for the practice and in particular for the parties in the labour law relationship as well as for the higher education institutions.</p> <p>In conclusion and on the basis of the legal analyses carried out in the individual parts, substantiated conclusions, concrete legislative proposals and recommendations on the application of the norms in the different areas related to higher education and employment relations are drawn</p>
5.	4.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Structure and Powers of the National Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation – Retrospective Analysis and Contemporary Legal Regulation.</b> Norma: the legal journal, Sofia: Ciela Norma AD, 2022, 11, 22-57. <b>ISSN(print) 1314-5126, ISSN(online) 1314-5118</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The work examines the structure and powers of the National Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation as a state body ensuring the quality of higher education in Bulgaria. It traces in retrospect the historical development of the body and, through a current regulatory analysis, examines the functions and powers of the agency in relation to the control exercised over the educational process in higher education institutions. As result of the analysis conclusions and summaries are made.</p>
6.	5.	<p>Dimitrova, D., <b>Dimitrova, D., Колева, В. Human Resources Management in the Judicial Administration in the Context of Digitalization - Managerial and Legal Aspects.</b> Scientific Papers UNWE. Sofia: Publ. complex UNWE, Year 63, 2023, 5, 33-69., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.37075/RP.2023.5.02">10.37075/RP.2023.5.02</a> <b>ISSN(print) 0861-9344, ISSN(online) 2534-8957</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The administration of the judiciary is an integral part of the structure of the state administration, but human resource management specifically in the judicial administration is still an understudied area. The scientific</p>



		<p>objective of this work is to examine the main managerial and legal aspects of human resources management in the judicial administration in the conditions of digitalization. Specific research approaches and methods are applied to achieve the formulated objective. In the theoreticalmethodological plan, a systematic approach, a method of analysis and synthesis, an interdisciplinary approach, a descriptive method, etc. are used. Along with these, we use survey research, in-depth interviews, participation in discussions, and content analysis of documents in an empirical way. The approaches applied in the overall study are those of induction and deduction. As a result of the complex analysis, conclusions and generalizations are drawn and solutions are proposed to improve the work of the judiciary administration.</p>
7.	6.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D., Dimitrova, D., Koleva, V. Educational Needs of the Judicial Administration in the Context of Digitalization.</b> Strategies for Policy in Science and Education : Scientific journal, Sofia : Az Buki, 32, 2024, 4, 395-419., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.53656/str2024-4-2-edu">10.53656/str2024-4-2-edu</a> / <a href="#">Web of Science</a> <b>ISSN(print) 1310-0270, ISSN(online) 1314-8575</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The administration of the judiciary is an integral part of the structure of the state administration, but human resource management specifically in the judicial administration is still an understudied area. The scientific objective of this work is to examine the educational needs of judicial administration, in the introduction of digitalization processes in judicial administration and in human resources management. In order to achieve the formulated aim, specific scientific research approaches and methods are applied in the paper. In the theoretical-methodological plan, a systematic approach, a method of analysis and synthesis, an interdisciplinary approach, a descriptive method, etc. are used. Along with them in empirical plan the survey research, in-depth interviews, participation in discussions, content analysis of documents are used. The approaches applied in the overall research are those of induction and deduction. As a result of the complex analysis, conclusions and summaries are drawn, and solutions are proposed for improving the work of the administration of the judicial authorities.</p>
8.	7.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Legal regulation and tendencies of the digital education services in the higher schools.</b> Norma: the legal journal, Sofia: Ciela Norma AD, 2024, 2, 87-113. <b>ISSN(print) 1314-5126, ISSN(online) 1314-5118</b> <i>Abstract:</i> Digitalisation has penetrated into all spheres of our lives, including education. Higher education institutions, which are called upon to offer quality education that meets the demand of the labour market, are introducing and offering various digital education services. The research aim of this study is to examine and analyze some of the main digital services offered, as well as the problems related to the regulatory framework of such offering. The following scientific methods are used: logical-grammatical, systematic, structural, analytical, formal-legal, and generalization methods.</p>



		Empirically, a survey was conducted with students of the University of Economics - Varna on their attitudes towards digitalization. As a result of the normative analysis, conclusions, summaries and proposals are formulated in order to protect the rights of the participants in this process.
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### III. Scientific articles

No.	No. in group	Title, bibliographic description, abstract
9.	1.	<p>Andreeva, A., Dimitrova, D. <b>Control of Compliance with the Procedures for Conducting Public Procurement in the Republic of Bulgaria.</b> Izvestiya of the Union of Scientists - Varna. Humanitarian Sciences Series, 2017, 1, 14 - 19. <b>ISSN(print) 1310-63761</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The article analyses the control for complying with the Public procurement act at awarding of the procedures. The accent is on the types of control and the authorities, which realize the control. Based on the retrospective analysis the authors mark the new moments of the control in consideration of the proper interpretation and application.</p>
10.	2.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Impact of the Membership of Bulgaria in the EU on the Development of the Bulgarian Legislation in the Area of the Public Procurements.</b> Scientific Works of the Institute for the State and the Law, Sofia: BAS, XVI, 2017, 176 - 190. <b>ISSN(print) 1314-6459</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The report researches the periodization in the development of the legislation in the area of the public procurements in Bulgaria, bearing in mind the pre-joining procedures and the realized membership of the country in the EU. Accent is put on the current normative regulation and the influence of the EU acts on the national legislation. On this basis the author makes conclusions and recommendations.</p>
11.	3.	<p>Andreeva, A., Dimitrova, D., <b>Dimitrova, D. Specifics in the Legal Regime of the Public Procurements Conducted by the Higher Schools in Bulgaria.</b> Izvestiya. University of Economics – Varna, Varna: Science and Economics, 62, 2018, 1, 58 - 73. <b>ISSN(print) 1310-0343, ISSN(online) 2367-6949</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The paper examines in historical and current aspect the specifics in the legal regime of conducting public procurements by the public higher schools in Bulgaria. On basis of the analysis are brought out periods in the legislative development of awarding public procurements by the higher schools and marked problems and tendencies.</p>



12.	4.	<p>Andreeva, A., <b>Dimitrova, D. The Violations of the Labor Legislation - a Ground for Exclusion from Public Procurement.</b> Izvestiya. University of Economics – Varna, Varna: Science and Economics, 63, 2019, 1, 25 - 39.</p> <p><b>ISSN(print) 1310-0343, ISSN(online) 2367-6949</b></p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p> <p>The work examines the grounds for exclusion of a candidate or participant from participation in public procurement award procedure for violations of the labor legislation. The aim of the work is the analysis of the norms, reflecting on the one side the grounds for exclusion of a candidate or participant, on the other side the protective function of the legislator, performed toward the right to work. The relevance of the researched issue is determined by the latest normative amendments in the area, as well as the parallel examination of two legally and economically significant issues, namely the grounds for exclusion from a public procurement award procedure and the violations of the labor legislation. Based on the analysis are made conclusions with theoretical and practical importance. For the needs of the research are used different methods: normative, comparative-legal, synthesis, induction and deduction.</p>
13.	5.	<p>Andreeva, A., Yolova, G., <b>Dimitrova, D. Computer Technology and Ehealth. Trends and Regulatory Framework.</b> Economics and Law, Blagoevgrad : South-West Univ. Neofit Rilski Publ. House, 2, 2020, 1, 43 - 48., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.37708/el.swu.v2i1.3">10.37708/el.swu.v2i1.3</a></p> <p><b>ISSN(print) 2682-972X</b></p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p> <p>The paper aims to identify the main aspects of the nature of eHealth (digital hospitals, clinical information systems, computerized medical records, telemedicine) as a priority European policy and how it is reflected in the national legislation of Bulgaria. In this sense, the aim of the study is, firstly, to highlight the typical European trends in the development of eHealth through continuous and established processes of implementation of digital technologies in healthcare and their inclusion in Community policies as a legal framework, and secondly, to analyse the national processes and stages of digitisation of healthcare and the health insurance system from the perspective of creating a functioning and adequate eHealth. Based on the analysis, the authors have drawn conclusions on the trends and legal implications of the legal framework related to the efficiency of healthcare and effective management of health insurance systems.</p>
14.	6.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The Digitalization in the Judiciary and Educational Needs.</b> Izvestiya. University of Economics – Varna, Varna: Science and Economics, 65, 2021, 4, 409-424.</p> <p><b>ISSN(print) 1310-0343, ISSN(online) 2367-6949</b></p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p>



		<p>The present article examines the digitalization in the judiciary and the relevant educational needs. The provisions concerning the electronic-Justice and the challenges in front of the judiciary, related to their introduction are analyzed. In order to implement these provisions in the practice and ensure the effective electronic-Justice the employees shall have the necessary competencies. That justifies the need of trainings on the different levels. In conclusion and based on the analysis summaries are formulated and specific proposals are made.</p>
15.	7.	<p>Dimitrova, D., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b> Role of the Higher Economic Education for the Development of Economic Activity in Varna. <i>Izvestiya. Journal of Economics, Management and Informatics, University of Economics – Varna</i>, 67, 2023, 1, 24-40., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.56065/IJUEV2023.67.1.24">10.56065/IJUEV2023.67.1.24</a> <b>ISSN(online) 2367-6957</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The article examines the role of the higher economic education in the Higher School of Commerce, which was founded by entrepreneurs and whose successor is the University of Economics - Varna, for the training of highly qualified personnel for the economy and for the development of economic activity in the region. The Higher School of Commerce was opened by Order No. 7177 of 28 September 1920 of the Minister of Commerce, but even before the opening of the first Bulgarian universities, Bulgarians began to seek to acquire knowledge for the needs of the developing commercial activity during the Renaissance. The aim of this paper is to analyse the relationship between higher economic education and entrepreneurship - at the time of the establishment of Higher school and in our modern times - in the light of a historical overview. The practical necessity of analyzing the tendencies and challenges for the future development of the university stems from its contribution to the training and professional realization of student-economists. In conclusion and as a result of the research, conclusions and summaries are made regarding the role of the higher economic education for the economic development of the Varna region.</p>
16.	8.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Introduction of Mandatory Judicial Mediation in Bulgaria and Good EU Practice.</b> <i>De Jure, Veliko Tarnovo : VTU St St Cyril and Methodius</i>, 14, 2023, 2 (27), 234-248., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.54664/MSNC3238">10.54664/MSNC3238</a> <b>ISSN(print) 1314-2593, ISSN(online) 2367-8410</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>Mediation is an out-of-court dispute resolution method that could also be used in pending court proceedings. Until recently, Bulgaria provided for the possibility of referral to mediation by the courts, but with the newly introduced amendments judicial mediation becomes mandatory in certain cases as of 01.07.2024. This determines the undeniable topicality of the issue. The work discusses the new provisions in the legislation adopted in relation to mandatory court mediation. Both the current provisions introducing the mandatory judicial mediation and the peculiarities of the</p>



		<p>process in such referral and best practices of other countries are analyzed. Based on the analysis, conclusions and summaries are drawn.</p>
17.	9.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial Council as Body of the Judiciary with Control Functions in Bulgaria.</b> Perspectives of Law and Public Administration, Bucharest : ADJURIS. International Academic Publ., 13, 2024, 4, 518-527., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.62768/PLPA/2024/13/4/03">10.62768/PLPA/2024/13/4/03</a> <b>ISSN(online) 2601-7830</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The article examines the Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial Council as body of the judiciary with control functions, namely to inspect the operation of the judicial authorities without affecting the independence of judges, jurors, prosecutors and investigating magistrates in the performance of their duties. The aim of the research is to analyze the control functions and their importance for assuring the access to justice and effective judicial protection of the rights and legitimate interests of the citizens. In order to achieve the set aim the author implements following tasks: to analyze the national legal framework related to the establishment of the Inspectorate to the SJC and its powers, to identify some problems in relation to the functions of the Inspectorate to the SJC and to make conclusions and summaries about the applicable legal framework. Comparative legal, dialectical, critical-analytical methods are used as the methodological basis of the study. The research was developed in the framework of the author's participation in the national scientific project NPI №57 of 2022 on the topic "Legal Relations and Status of Persons in the Judiciary in the Conditions of Digitalization".</p>
18.	10.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D., Dimitrova, D. On the Relationship Between Secondary and Higher Education in "Judicial Administration" in the Republic of Bulgaria.</b> Vocational Education : Bulgarian Journal of Educational Research and Practice, Sofia : Az Buki, 26, 2024, 1, 45 - 60., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.53656/voc24-1-04">10.53656/voc24-1-04</a> <b>ISSN(print) 1314-555X, ISSN(online) 1314-85671</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The judicial administration serves and supports the judiciary, and its role in the implementation of this specific manifestation of state power is very large. On the basis of Regulation No. 14 from 22 May 2019 on the acquisition of qualifications in the profession of "judicial officer", issued by the Minister of Education and Science, professional classes in the specialty of "Judicial Administration" have been opened in many secondary schools throughout the country. This paper examines important aspects of secondary education management in Bulgaria. The scientific aim of the paper is to analyze some basic issues of educational preparation for the acquisition of secondary education in the profession of "judicial officer" in view of the relationship between secondary and higher education in the studying "Judicial Administration". As a methodological basis of the research the following scientific methods are used: logical-grammatical, systematic, structural, analytical, formallegal method, method of</p>



		generalization. Along with them in empirical plan we use a questionnaire survey with students of specialty "Judicial Administration". As a result of the normative analysis, conclusions and summaries are drawn about the applicable legal framework, as well as recommendations for its improvement are made.
19.	11.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The new power of the Council of Ministers to propose the closure of higher schools that "permanently fail to carry out the educational process".</b> Norma, Sofia, Ciela Norma AD, 2025, 8, 28-46. <b>ISSN(print) 1314-5126, ISSN(online) 1314-5118</b></p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p> <p>In June 2025, an amendment was made to the Higher Education Act, adding a new ground for closing higher schools, namely "at the proposal of the Council of Ministers for a higher school that has permanently failed to carry out the educational process." Higher education is subject to ongoing reforms, which makes the topic undoubtedly actual. This study examines and analyzes the newly adopted grounds for closing higher schools. The following scientific methods were used: logical-grammatical, normative and comparative analysis, systematic, structural, analytical, formal-legal method, and method of generalization. As a result of the analysis, conclusions and summaries are formulated and proposals are made for improving the regulation with a view to achieving greater certainty and avoiding ambiguities.</p>

#### IV. Conference papers

No.	No. in group	Title, bibliographic description, abstract
20.	1.	<p>Dimitrova-Markovska, D., <b>Dimitrova, D. Applicability of Mediation in Consumer Rights Disputes</b> Judicial Mediation – Problems, Challenges, Prospects: Proceedings of International Scientific Conference, Veliko Tarnovo, 8 November 2024, V. Tarnovo: Faber, 2025, 162-174. <b>ISBN(print) 978-619-00-1911-4</b></p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p> <p>This study analyses the question of the applicability of mediation as a means of resolving consumer rights disputes. On the one hand, the content of the concept of "consumer rights dispute" is examined from a theoretical perspective. On the other hand, some practical aspects of consumer disputes as the subject of mediation are examined. In conclusion summaries and conclusions on the applicable law are made.</p>
21.	2.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D., Dimitrova, D. Possibilities for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Activities of the Judiciary :</b> [electronic resource]. Adapting to Change Business Law Insights from Today's International Legal Landscape: Contributions to the 13th Intern. Conference : Challenges of Business Law in the Third Millennium, November 17, 2023, Bucharest, Bucharest : ADJURIS. International Academic Publ., 2024, 245-258.</p>



		<p><b>ISBN(online) 978-606-95862-3-5</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) in various parts of the workforce is already a fact, but the impact of technology is in all areas of public life. Digitalization not only affects economic processes, it also leads to a transformation in the sphere of judicial proceedings. In Bulgaria, as part of the European Union, the digitalization of the judicial system is based on acts of the European Parliament transposed into national legislation. The aim of this paper is to examine current issues related to various possibilities of using AI in the activities of the judiciary and to discuss the results. In order to realize the set goal, the authors use the traditional methods of legal research - induction, deduction, normative and comparative analysis. On the basis of the study conclusions are drawn about the need for improvement of the legal framework, need of professional knowledge in the field of information technology of the employees in the judiciary. The present study was developed in the framework of the national scientific project NPI № 57 of 2022 on the topic "Legal Relations and Status of Persons in the Judiciary in the Conditions of Digitalization".</p>
22.	3.	<p>Andreeva, A., <b>Dimitrova, D. Teaching Law Disciplines in the Digital Age - a Symbiosis Between E-Learning Materials and Relation to Legal Practice.</b> INTCESS 2023 - 10th International Conference on Education &amp; Education of Social Sciences, 23-25 January 2023, Istanbul, Turkey : Hybrid Conference : Proceedings, Istanbul : Ocerint Publ., 2023, 191-196., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.51508/intcess.202333">https://doi.org/10.51508/intcess.202333</a></p> <p><b>ISBN(online) 978-605-72065-0-3</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The paper presents the experience and best practices in teaching law disciplines in the conditions of digitalization in Bulgarian higher education. Modern social conditions and the needs of students of the digital generation require adaptation of teaching methods to current processes. The paper reflects the specifics and the teaching techniques used by lecturers of the "Legal Studies" Department at the University of Economics-Varna. Data from surveys conducted among students and representatives of the judiciary in Varna are also used. Based on the analysis summaries and conclusions are drawn.</p>
23.	4.	<p>Dimitrova, D., <b>Dimitrova, D. Higher Education in Programme "Judicial Administration"- a Prerequisite for Effective Justice.</b> Proceedings of ADVED 2023- 9th International Conference on Advances in Education, Online Conference 16-17 October 2023, Istanbul : Ocerint Publ., 2023, 17-24., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10001214">10.5281/zenodo.10001214</a></p> <p><b>ISBN(online) 978-605-72065-3-4</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The development of the judicial system is related to the improvement of the judicial administration, which is directly dependent on the education of the judicial officers. The relevance of the topic stems from the need for judicial reform, which is inextricably related to the activities of</p>



		<p>the judicial administration in order to fully participate in the optimization of the administration of justice. The scientific objective of the present work is to examine some basic aspects of the training of students of the programme "Judicial Administration". This publication examines issues and problems related to the acquisition of the profession of judicial officer in the light of the efficiency of justice. Anonymous surveys were conducted with students of the programme "Judicial Administration", studying at the University of Economics - Varna. For this purpose, questionnaires were constructed and the data obtained from them were summarized and analyzed. The possibilities for professional realization of the graduated students as employees in the judiciary system are also examined. The following scientific methods are used as the methodological basis of the study: logic-grammatical, systematic, structural, analytical, formal-legal, summary method. As a result of the analysis, conclusions and summaries are drawn, and solutions are proposed for improving the work of the administration of the judiciary. The present study was developed in the framework of the national scientific project NPI № 57 of 2022 on "Legal Relations and Status of Persons in the Judiciary in the Conditions of Digitalization".</p>
24.	5.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Role of NACID in the System of Higher Education in Bulgaria.</b> 15 Years of Administrative Justice in Bulgaria – Problems and Perspectives, Conference Proceedings of the National Round Table 15 June 2022, Varna: Science and Economics, 2022, 154-162., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.36997/PPDD2022.154">10.36997/PPDD2022.154</a> ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1122-1</p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p> <p>The report examines the role of the National Centre for Information and Documentation in the higher education system. It traces its historical development, functions and powers, and interaction with the Ministry of Education and Science and higher education institutions. As a result of the analysis, summaries and conclusions are made.</p>
25.	6.	<p>Kuyumdjiev, I., Andreeva, A., <b>Dimitrova, D. Digital Administrative Services Provided by Higher Education Institutions to Students – Challenges and Good Practices of UE – Varna.</b> 15 Years of Administrative Justice in Bulgaria – Problems and Perspectives, Conference Proceedings of the National Round Table 15 June 2022, Varna: Science and Economics, 2022, 111-122., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.36997/PPDD2022.111">10.36997/PPDD2022.111</a> ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1122-1</p> <p><i>Abstract:</i></p> <p>This paper examines the digital administrative services provided to students in the course of their studies. The study advocates the need for digitalization of the processes and their adequate regulation in order to comply with the current social processes and ensure the quality of the educational service. The paper presents the issues in two interrelated aspects - from the legal point of view, given the normative analysis of the applicable regulations, and from the informatics point of view. Based on the analysis,</p>



		conclusions are made concerning the digitalization of administrative services provided to students in higher education. The experience of UE-Varna is presented, both in terms of basic parameters of digitalization of processes and internal regulations.
26.	7.	<p>Andreeva, A., Yolova, G., <b>Dimitrova, D. On the Boundary Between Rest Time and Working Hours in a Digital Environment.</b> Digital Economy, Business Analytics, and Big Data Analytics Applications : Conference proceedings, Cham : Springer Publ., 2022, 733-739. - (Book Ser. Studies in Computational Intelligence ; 1010)., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-05258-3">10.1007/978-3-031-05258-3</a> / Scopus</p> <p><b>ISSN(print) 1860-949X, ISSN(online) 1860-9503, ISBN(print) 978-3-031-05257-6, ISBN(online) 978-3-031-05258-3</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>This paper examines some current issues related to the boundary between the institutes of rest and working hours in a digital environment. The focus is on some contemporary aspects of these concepts, conditioned by the digital environment for labor performance. Through a legal analysis of the applicable national labor law in Bulgaria and reference to ongoing processes at European level and the relevant legal acts the authors seek to conclude on some ongoing transformations. Some summaries and concrete proposals for improvement of the regulation are formulated in the paper's conclusion.</p>
27.	8	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Referral to Mediation by the Courts – tendencies and perspectives.</b> The Mediation in the Different Public Spheres: Conference Proceedings of the National Scientific Conference, 11 May 2022, Varna : Science and Economics, 2022, 145-158., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.36997/MDPS2022.15">10.36997/MDPS2022.15</a></p> <p><b>ISSN(print) 2738-8794</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The report examines the possibilities provided by law for referral to mediation by the courts, as well as trends and prospects for the introduction of mandatory court mediation. It analyses the current provisions referring to mediation, the particularities of the process of such referral and good practices of other countries. The concept of a pilot project for the introduction of mandatory court mediation in civil and commercial cases is also examined. On the basis of the analysis, conclusions and summaries are made, trends and perspectives are drawn.</p>
28.	9.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The Mediation as a Discipline in the Higher Schools.</b> The Mediation in the Different Public Spheres: Conference Proceedings of the National Scientific Conference, Varna : Science and Economics, 2021, 185-195., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.36997/MDPS2021.17">10.36997/MDPS2021.17</a></p> <p><b>ISSN(print) 2738-8794, ISSN(online) 2738-8794</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The mediation is not only an alternative mean for conflict resolution, it is also a culture of communication, developing particular skills, coveted by the today's employers. The possibility of introducing mediation as a</p>



		discipline in the higher schools is examined in the report. Based on the examined forms of education, offered by foreign and Bulgarian Higher Schools conclusions and summaries are made.
29.	10.	<b>Dimitrova, D. The New Standard Contractual Clauses for the Transfer of Personal Data Between EU and Non-EU Countries.</b> Protection of the Personal Data and the Digitalization – Challenges and Perspectives: Conference Proceedings [Round Table, UE-Varna, 1 October 2021], Varna : Science and Economics, 2021, 106-115., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.36997/PPDD2021.106">10.36997/PPDD2021.106</a> <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1002-3</b> <i>Abstract:</i> In the report the new standard contractual clauses are analyzed, introduced with the Commission Implementing Decision 2021/914, and ensuring appropriate data protection safeguards in case of data transfers from the EU to third countries. Accent is put on the new moments. Based on the analysis and comparison with the previous standard contractual clauses summaries and conclusions are made.
30.	11.	<b>Dimitrova, D. The Place of the Prosecution in the Judiciary.</b> The Law and the Business in the Contemporary Society: Conference Proceedings of the 4-th National Scientific Conference, 22 October 2021, Varna, Science and Economics, 2021, 247-258., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.36997/LBCS2021.246">10.36997/LBCS2021.246</a> <b>ISSN(print) 2603-5073, ISSN(online) 2603-5073</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The report examines the national legislative framework of the prosecution, focus is on the latest legislative amendments and bills for amendments. In comparative analysis the place of the prosecution in other EU countries is reviewed. As result of the examination conclusions and summaries are made.
31.	12.	Andreeva, A., <b>Dimitrova, D. New Legal Frame for Performance of Administrative Cooperation Between the Competent Organs of the EU Member States for Increase of the Consumer Protection.</b> Quality and Certification of the Products: Proceeding of International Scientific-Practical Conference, Dedicated to 100 years of Establishment of University of Economics – Varna, Varna, Science and Economics, 2020, 46 - 55. <b>ISBN(print) ISBN 978-954-21-1035-4</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The report analyzes the new tendencies in the area of consumer protection with accent put on the administrative cooperation between the competent organs of the member states of the EU. Based on the normative analysis are made conclusions about the application of the norms in the national legislation and are made recommendations.
32.	13.	<b>Dimitrova, D. Healthy and Safe Working Conditions – Engagement of the Employer and Control for Observance.</b> Economic Science, Education and the Real Economy: Development and Interactions in the



		<p>Digital Age: Proceedings of the Jubilee International Scientific Conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the University of Economics – Varna: Volume 4., Varna : Science and Economics, 4, 2020, 219 - 230. <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1040-8</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The report analyses the problems of the healthy and safe working conditions as engagement of the employer as well as the control for the observance performed by the General Labour Inspectorate Executive agency. Accent is put on the administrative-law aspects of the control by the General Labour Inspectorate Executive Agency for performance of the employers obligation for the insurance of the healthy and safe working conditions. Based on the analysis the author makes conclusions.</p>
33.	14.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Grey Economy – Actual Measures for Counteraction in the Labour Code.</b> The Law and the Business in the Contemporary Society: Conference Proceedings of the 3-th National Scientific Conference, 13 November 2020, Varna, Science and Economics, 2020, 270 - 277., DOI <a href="https://doi.org/10.36997/LBCS2020">10.36997/LBCS2020</a> <b>ISSN(print) 2738-7488</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The report examines the actual measures for counteraction against the grey economy, provided for in the Labour code, as well as the proposed motion for amendments and supplements. The accent is put on the administrative-law aspects of the control performed by the General Labour Inspectorate Executive agency for counteraction against the grey economy. Based on the examination summaries and conclusions are made.</p>
34.	15.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Good Practice of the Application of the Mediation in the Sphere of the Higher Education.</b> The Mediation in the Different Public Spheres: Round Table Proceedings of the National Scientific Round Table 4 November 2020, Varna : Science and Economics, 2020, 29 - 37. <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1055-2</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The report examines the possibility of applying mediation in resolving conflicts in the field of higher education. The European legal framework, its transposition in the member states and in the national legislation, as well as good practices in the application of mediation in higher education in different countries are studied. Based on the analysis, conclusions and summaries are made.</p>
35.	16.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The new Amendments in the Code of Administrative Procedure – a Step to a More Effective Administrative Justice.</b> The Law and the Business in the Contemporary Society: Actual Legal Challenges in the Economics, Conference Proceedings of the 1-th National Scientific Conference, 9 November 2018, Varna, Science and Economics, 2019, 413 - 424. <b>ISSN(print) 2603-5073, ISSN(online) 603-5073</b> <i>Abstract:</i></p>



		<p>The report examines some of the amendments in the Code of Administrative Procedure, related to the introducing of electronic messages in the communication between the parties as a step to the electronic justice. Accent is put on the regulation in the general rules of the Code, the author makes parallel to the regulation in the Code of Civil Procedure. Based on the analysis conclusions and summaries are made.</p>
36.	17.	<p>Andreeva, A., <b>Dimitrova, D. Educational Systems and the Need to Review Traditions in Order to Respond to Labour Market Demands.</b> Internationalization of Higher Education in Azerbaijan and Ways of Increasing its Competitiveness : Materials of International Scientific-practical Conference Dedicated to the 96th Birthday Anniversary of Nationwide Leader Heydar Aliyev, 2 - 3 May, 2019. , Baku : Biznes University Press. Online at <a href="https://mpr.aub.uni-muenchen.de/93606/">https://mpr.aub.uni-muenchen.de/93606/</a> MPRA Paper No. 93606, posted 2 May 2019 11:26 UTC, 2019, 54 - 58. <b>ISBN(print) 978-9952-37-226-7</b> <i>Abstract:</i> This article attempts to present the challenges facing modern educational systems in the EU, and particularly that of Bulgaria, and which are the result of the dynamics of both the digital epoch, and a labour market without borders. The paper brings forward arguments in favour of reviewing and reconsidering the concept of educational policies addressing adequate employee skills for a competitive labour market. Conclusions and suggestions are made on the basis of research into the national regulatory framework and the recommendation of EESC.</p>
37.	18.	<p>Andreeva, A., <b>Dimitrova, D. Administrative liability of the contracting authority for violation of the order for awarding public procurement.</b> Actual Problems of the Legal Regulation of the Business: Scientific Conference, organized on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the birth of Prof. Dr. Lyuben Karanikolov and Prof. Dr. Emil Zlatarev and the 70th anniversary of the birth of Prof. Dr. Zlatka Sukareva, 30 November 2017, Sofia : [Conference Proceedings], Sofia: Publishing Complex - UNWE, 2019, 70-76. <b>ISBN(print) 978-619-232-191-8</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The present report analyses the subjects, liable to administrative-penal liability in case of violations of the order for awarding of public procurement. It examines more important compositions of administrative violations according to the Public procurement act, as well as the administrative sanctions provided. Based on a retrospective comparative analysis of the actual and previous legislative solution in the Republic of Bulgaria the authors mark the problems in the application of the norms and the risks according to the hypothesis in case of delegation of powers and replacement. As a result of the analysis they make conclusions, summaries and proposals for the improvement of the legal regulation.</p>



38.	19.	<p>Andreeva, A., Yolova, G., <b>Dimitrova, D. Artificial intellect: Regulatory Framework and Challenges Facing the Labour Market.</b> CompSysTech '19 : 20-th International Conference on Computer Systems and Technologies, 21 - 22 June 2019, University of Ruse, Bulgaria : Proceeding, New York : ACM [Association for Computing Machinery] Digital Library, 2019, 74 - 77. / <a href="#">Web of Science</a> <b>ISBN(print) 978-1-4503-7149-0</b> <i>Abstract :</i> The paper analyses the impact of artificial intelligence on employment relationships and the ensuing need for adaptation of labour law principles and constructs to new social realities arising from the digitalization of social processes. The analysis outlines the challenges facing the labour market and the responsibility of institutions for adoption of a regulatory framework.</p>
39.	20.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Contemporary Role of the General Labour Inspectorate Executive Agency for Protection of the Rights of the Parties of Employment Relationships.</b> The Law and the Business in the Contemporary Society : Conference Proceedings of the 2-nd National Scientific Conference, 8 November 2019, Varna: Science and Economics, 2019, 71 - 82. <b>ISSN(print) 2603-5073, ISSN(online) 2603-5073</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The report examines the latest legislative solutions, concerning the powers of the General Labour Inspectorate Executive Agency considering the necessities of the contemporary employment market. The examination is concentrated on the administrative law aspects of the problems, having in mind the subordination of this organ to the specialized structure of the state administration. Based on the analysis the author makes conclusions and summaries.</p>
40.	21.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The National Platform for Electronic Award – a Step Towers the Process of Harmonization with the European Requirements.</b> Administrative Law – Contemporary Tendencies in the n Jurisprudence and Doctrine: Conference Proceedings from a National Round Table, 20 April 2018, Varna : Science and Economics, 2018, 137 - 148. <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-0972-3</b> <i>Abstract:</i> The report examines the national platform for electronic award as a step in the process of harmonization of the Bulgarian legislation with the European requirements. On base of the analysis the author makes conclusions and summaries.</p>
41.	22.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Normative Measures Against the Forms of Discrimination in the Conducting of Public Procurements.</b> Protection Against Discrimination: Legal Framework, Problems, and Trends:</p>



		<p>Conference Proceedings of National Scientific Conference, 8 June 2018, Varna : Steno, 2018, 153-161. <b>ISBN(print) 978-619-241-005-6</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The report examines the national legislative measures against forms of discrimination in the conducting of public procurements – guarantee for its prevention. The accent is on the actual normative regulation, in conformance with the European Directives and guaranteeing equality and non-discrimination in the process. On base of the analysis the author makes conclusions and summaries.</p>
42.	23.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Transposition of European Standards in the Field of Public Procurement into Bulgarian Legislation.</b> The Economy in a Changing World - National, Regional, and Global Dimensions: IPS - 2017: Conference Proceedings from the VIII International Scientific Conference, May 12, 2017: Volume 2, Varna : Science and Economics, 2, 2017, 117-122. <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-0928-0, ISBN(online) 978-954-21-0928-0</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The report analyzes the method of transposition of the European norms in the sphere of public procurement in the Bulgarian legislation. It examines the normative regulation of the public procurement in the borders of the European Union in the frame of retrospective and contemporary analysis. In this relation the author examines the necessity of transposition of the norms and harmonization of the national legislation, as well as the methods of transposition – what type of normative acts are adopted in order to be conform to the specificity and principles in the sphere of public procurement.</p>
43.	24.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. Public Procurements – a Legal Mechanism for the Lawful Spending of Public Funds.</b> The Role of the Law in the Contemporary Economy: Round Table Proceedings, 3 November 2017, Varna : Science and Economics, 2017, 172 - 182. <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-0949-5, ISBN(online) 978-954-21-0949-5</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The report analyzes the public procurement as a legal mechanism for the lawful spending of public funds. The accent is on the main principles in the Public Procurement Act, regulating their conducting according to the law – equality and non-admittance of discrimination, free competition, proportionality, publicity and transparency. On base of the analysis conclusions are made, actual problems and contemporary tendencies are marked.</p>
44.	25.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. The New Public Procurement Act – Problems and Harmonization with the European Legislation.</b> The Rule of Law – a Prerequisite for Business Development and Economic Growth, Sofia: UNWE, 2016, 389-395. <b>ISBN 978-954-644-848-4</b></p>



	<p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The paper presents a retrospective analysis of the amendments of the Public Procurement Act and on this basis the author makes analysis of the bill of Public Procurement Act as a solution of the problems of the existing Act and the harmonization with the newly adopted directives. The priority research is focused on the upcoming amendments of the legal regime of the public procurement contract.</p>
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## V. Textbooks

No.	No. in group	Title, bibliographic description, abstract
45.	1.	<p>Andreeva, A., Yolova, G., Dimitrova-Markovska, D., Vladova-Ivanova, V., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b>, Mateeva, Z., Tsvetkovska, M. Principles of Law. Varna : Science and Economics, 2025, 296., Part I Chapter 9 and Part II Chapter 8 <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1196-2</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The textbook "Principles of Law" is intended for students of economics at the University of Economics – Varna. The relevance of the textbook is determined by the interaction between economics and law in public relations. This creates a need for future economists to be familiar with the basic legal norms and regulatory mechanisms that will provide them with fundamental knowledge for their future professional development.</p> <p>The textbook consists of two parts – " Principles of Public Law" and " Principles of Private Law," which reflects the classic division of our national legal system into public and private law.</p> <p>The course content is in line with the established curricula for the individual programmes and covers the main issues of law, following the established structure in legal theory: constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, civil law, obligational law, labor law, and social insurance law.</p> <p>The presented teaching material contains a theoretical explanation of legal instituts and concepts that are predominantly material in nature. The presentation focuses on definitions and classifications of individual legal issues that are established in legal theory.</p> <p>The authors of the individual sections are as follows:</p> <p>Prof. Andriana Andreeva, PhD – Part One, Chapters 11, 12, 13; Part Two – Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12;</p> <p>Prof. Galina Yolova, PhD – Part One, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Part Two – Chapter 13;</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Darina Dimitrova-Markovska, PhD – Part One, Chapters 1, 8;</p> <p>Chief Assistant Prof. Violeta Vladova Ivanova, PhD – Part II, Chapters 2, 5, 6, and Chapter 7, Sections 7.1, 7.2;</p> <p><b>Chief Assistant Prof. Diana Dimitrova, PhD – Part I, Chapter 9, Part II, Chapter 8;</b></p> <p>Chief Assistant Professor Zhivka Mateeva, PhD – Part One, Chapter 10, Part Two, Chapter 1;</p>



		Chief Assistant Professor Milena Tsvetkovska, PhD – Part Two, Chapters 3, 4, and Chapter 7, Section 7.3
46.	2.	<p>Dimitrova, D., Mateeva, Z., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b> Administrative Law and Administrative Procedure. Varna: Science and Economics, 2020, p. 228., Part I Chapter 4 and Part II Chapter 1, 3, 4 and 5 <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1022-4</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The textbook „Administrative Law and Procedure“ is intended for students in programm “Judicial Administration” at the University of Economics – Varna. It is aligned with the curriculum of the compulsory course of the same name studied by the students.</p> <p>Its purpose is to provide students majoring in “Judicial Administration” with basic knowledge of administrative law and administrative procedure, which is necessary for their future professional realization as administrative staff in the judicial system.</p> <p>The textbook is divided into two parts: Part I covers general issues of administrative law, and Part II covers issues of administrative procedure.</p> <p>Part One examines the main administrative law institutions – subjects of administrative law, administrative acts, administrative violations and administrative sanctions, administrative coercion, as well as the state's liability for damages caused to citizens. Part Two covers the main stages of the administrative process – initiatives, appeals, as well as special administrative proceedings – on the issuance of administrative acts, their challenge, appeal and enforcement, on the implementation of administrative liability, as well as on protection against actions of the administration.</p> <p>The textbook draws on publications by prominent Bulgarian lawyers in the field of administrative law and procedure; the normative acts governing the subject matter; and publications by the authors and other colleagues from the “Legal Studies” Department. The material is in line with the legislation in force as of October 30, 2019.</p> <p>The individual sections were written by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Chief Assistant Professor Darina Dimitrova, PhD – introduction, part one: chapter one, chapter three, chapter five, chapter eight; part two: chapter two.</li><li>2. Chief Assistant Professor Zhivka Mateeva, PhD – Part One: Chapter Two, Chapter Six, Chapter Seven; Part Two: Chapter Six, Chapter Seven.</li><li>3. <b>Chief Assistant Professor Diana Dimitrova, PhD – Part One: Chapter Four; Part Two: Chapter One, Chapter Three, Chapter Four, Chapter Five</b></li></ol>
47.	3.	<p>Dimitrova, D., Toncheva, R., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b> Organization of the Judicial Administration (Tasks, Cases, Tests). Varna: Science and Economics, 2022, 127. Tasks 5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29 и 38, Tests 1-15 <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1114-6</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p>



		<p>The textbook is intended for bachelor's degree students at the University of Economics – Varna, programm “Judicial Administration”, and is aligned with the curriculum for the subject “Organization of Judicial Administration”. The tasks, cases, and tests could also be successfully used in training courses for court officials organized by the National Institute of Justice, as well as in secondary schools with vocational classes for acquiring the qualification of "Court Official." "Organisation of Judicial Administration" is a course that provides legal knowledge about the nature of the status, functions and work of judicial administration staff. It aims to provide students with the practical skills necessary for their future successful professional realization as administrative staff assisting the judicial authorities in the exercise of their powers.</p> <p>The judicial authorities occupy a special place in the state organization and perform specific tasks. The judicial administration serves and supports the judicial authorities, and its role in the exercise of this specific form of state power is very significant. The topics and tasks covered in the handbook present a summary of the structure of the judicial administration, the functions of its services, and the status of judicial officials from the perspective of their legal regime. The handbook is structured in 15 sections and includes various tasks, cases, and tests to help students prepare for their semester exams and final exams, as well as for their professional careers. In writing the tasks, cases, and tests, publications by a number of authors (including the authors' collective) on the subject matter under consideration, as well as the regulatory framework governing the relevant matter, have been used. The materials included are in accordance with the legislation in force as of May 11, 2022.</p> <p>The textbook was written by a team of authors, including lecturers from the “Legal Studies” Department at the University of Economics – Varna and a representative of the legal profession – Judge Rositsa Toncheva, PhD, from the Court of Appeal – Varna.</p> <p>The authors of the individual tasks, cases, and tests are: Chief Assistant Professor Darina Dimitrova, PhD – introduction; tasks: 1–4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30–37, 39, 40; Rositsa Toncheva, PhD – cases: 1 – 23; <b>Chief Assistant Professor Diana Dimitrova, PhD – tasks: 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 38; tests: 1 – 15.</b></p>
48.	4.	<p>Andreeva, A., Yolova, G., Dimitrova, D., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b>, Mateeva, Z., Vladova-Ivanova, V., Tsvetkovska, M. Principles of Law : Tasks, Cases, Tests. Varna: Science and Economics, 2025, 132. Part I Chapter 9 and Part II Chapter 8 <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1186-3</b> <b>Abstract:</b> The textbook "Principles of Law" (tasks, case studies, tests) is intended for students at the University of Economics – Varna. It has been compiled in accordance with the curriculum for the subject " Principles of Law." It takes into account the specific requirements for studying the</p>



		<p>various branches of law, as well as the different forms of teaching the course material. It is intended for use during seminars, with the aim of both assisting students in mastering the course material and preparing them for the semester exam in the discipline.</p> <p>It includes two parts: public and private law, with their respective branches, grouped by topic, teaching chronology, and legal system.</p> <p>The authors' contributions are as follows:</p> <p>Prof. Andriana Andreeva, PhD: Part One, Chapters 11, 12, 13; Part Two, Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12.</p> <p>Prof. Galina Yolova-Paskaleva, PhD: Part One, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Part Two, Chapter 13.</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Darina Nedelcheva Dimitrova, PhD: Part One, Chapters 1, 8.</p> <p><b>Chief Assistant Prof. Diana Rumenova Dimitrova, PhD: Part One, Chapter 9; Part Two, Chapter 8.</b></p> <p>Chief Assistant Prof. Zhivka Stoyanova Mateeva, PhD: Part One, Chapter 10; Part Two, Chapter 1</p> <p>Chief Assistant Prof. Violeta Kirilova Vladova-Ivanova, PhD: Part Two, Chapters 2, 5, and 6, Chapter 7, Tests 20–21</p> <p>Chief Assistant Professor Milena Krasimirova Tsvetkovska, PhD: Part Two, Chapters 3 and 4, Chapter 7, Exercises 68–70</p>
49.	5.	<p>Andreeva, A., Yolova, G., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b> Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure : Tasks, Diagramms, Cases, Tests [for the students of UE-Varna]. Varna: Science and Economics, 2025, 128., Tasks 36-47, Diagramms 20-24, Cases 33-35, Tests 2,5,7,10,14 и 16 <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1188-7</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The textbook "Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (tasks, diagrams, case studies, tests)" is in line with the syllabus for the course "Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure" studied by bachelor's degree students in the program "Judicial Administration" at the University of Economics - Varna.</p> <p>The tasks, diagrams, case studies, and tests included in it are based on the provisions of the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code. Their purpose is both to assist students in mastering the course material and to prepare them for the semester exam in the discipline.</p> <p>The authors' contributions are as follows:</p> <p>Prof. Andriana Andreeva PhD: Tasks: 1-35, Diagrams: 1-19, Cases: 1-5, 11, 12, 15-18, Tests: 1, 4, 8, 11, legal dictionary</p> <p>Prof. Galina Yolova-Paskaleva, PhD: Cases: 6-10, 13, 14, 19-28, tests: 3, 6, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23</p> <p><b>Chief Assistant Prof. Diana Dimitrova, PhD: tasks: 36-47, Diagrams: 20-24, Cases: 33-35, Tests: 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 16</b></p>



50.	6.	<p>Andreeva, A., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b>, Savova, L., Ivanova, V. The Mediation in the Higher Education: Short Guide. Varna: Science and Economics, 2021, 45., <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-21-1094-1</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>Mediation in Higher Education: A Short Handbook is the first guide of its kind published in Bulgaria. The materials in it are the result of joint work by expert mediators from the University Mediation Center at the University of Economics – Varna and the Itera Institute.</p> <p>The handbook is intended for students at Bulgarian higher education institutions, prospective students, academic staff, and administrative personnel at universities. It can also be used successfully by school students and teachers, given the similarities between mediation in the educational sphere and after taking into account the specificities of the educational level.</p> <p>The aim of the material is to present to the audience the main points of the application of mediation in the field of higher education, to provide the necessary knowledge about the applicable regulatory framework, the principles of mediation, the activities of the mediator, and the specifics of mediation at the university.</p> <p>In terms of structure, the handbook comprises four chapters, which are illustrated in a way that clarifies the subject matter and makes it more accessible. The authors' aim is to provide basic information that will facilitate the introduction and effective application of mediation in the field of Bulgarian higher education. Given its concise nature, the handbook does not claim to be exhaustive on the subject.</p> <p>The material is in line with the legislation in force as of September 2021.</p> <p>The individual sections were written by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assoc. Prof. Andriana Andreeva, PhD - introduction, chapter four</li><li>2. Chief Assistant Prof. Diana Dimitrova, PhD - Chapter One</li><li>3. Liliyana Zhivkova Savova - Chapter Two</li><li>4. Veneta Diyanova Ivanova - Chapter Three</li></ol>
51.	7.	<p>Dimitrova-Markovska, D., <b>Dimitrova, D. Administrative Law and Procedure : Tasks, cases, Tests</b> [for the students of UE-Varna]. Varna : FIL, 2025, 96. <b>ISBN(print) 978-954-9741-80-3, ISBN(online) 978-954-9741-81-0</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The textbook is intended for bachelor's degree students at the University of Economics – Varna, studying the specialty "Judicial Administration." It is consistent with the curriculum for the discipline "Administrative Law and Procedure" (2024/2028 academic plan).</p> <p>The discipline is divided into two parts – material and procedural. The first part examines the main administrative law institutions – subjects of administrative law, administrative acts, administrative violations and administrative penalties, administrative coercion, as well as the state's liability for damages caused to citizens. The procedural section covers the main stages of the administrative procedure – subjects, initiatives, appeals,</p>



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		<p>as well as special administrative proceedings – on the issuance of administrative acts, their challenge, appeal and enforcement, on the implementation of administrative liability, as well as on protection against actions of the administration.</p> <p>The textbook is structured in 16 sections and includes various tasks, case studies, and tests to help students prepare for their semester exams and final exams, as well as for their subsequent professional careers. The materials included are in accordance with the legislation in force as of October 2025.</p> <p>The authors of the individual tasks, case studies, and tests are as follows:</p> <p><b>Assoc. Prof. Darina Dimitrova-Markovska</b>, PhD – introduction; sections: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11;</p> <p><b>Chief Assistant Prof. Diana Dimitrova</b>, PhD – sections: 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16; references.</p>
52.	8.	<p><b>Dimitrova, D. International Trade Law. Taks, cases, tests.</b> Varna: FIL, 2025, p. 75  <b>ISBN 978-954-9741-82-7</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>The textbook with tasks, cases and tests is intended for master's degree students at the University of Economics – Varna, studying the specialty "International business and management". It is consistent with the curriculum for the discipline "International Trade Law" (2024/2028 academic plan).</p> <p>The aim of the course is to provide specialized knowledge on the regulatory framework related to the implementation of international business as an activity, regardless of the specific economic field. The course deals with international legal acts relevant to the problems; organizations that create acts regulating these relations and international trade treaties. Basic questions relating to legal forms of doing business, the status of European companies and offshore zones are covered. Competition law problems are also included - the concept of competition, types of unfair competition and protection, as well as questions relating to the resolution of cross-border disputes - arbitration, mediation and judicial resolution.</p> <p>The handbook is structured in 15 sections and includes various tasks, case studies, and tests to help students prepare for their semester exams and final exams, as well as for their subsequent professional careers. The materials included are in accordance with the legislation in force as of December 2025.</p>

## VI. Other publications

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53.	1.	Andreeva, A., Yolova, G., Dimitrova, D., <b>Dimitrova, D.</b> , Tsvetkovska, M., Vladova-Ivanova, V., Mateeva, Z. Programm "Judicial Administration" – a profession with many possibilities: Short Guide for applying fot the



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**Abstract:**

This edition is intended to assist students participating in law competitions who are interested in continuing their education in the Bachelor's degree program at the University of Economics-Varna.

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The handbook was developed by members of the "Legal Studies" Department, with the following contributions to the individual sections:

- Assoc. Prof. Andriana Andreeva, PhD: Introduction; Presentation of the "Legal Studies" Department – past and current projects; Bachelor's degree program in Judicial Administration
- Assoc. Prof. Galina Yolova, PhD: Application and admission requirements
- Chief Assistant Prof. Darina Dimitrova, PhD: The profession of court clerk (points 1 and 3)
- **Chief Assistant Prof. Diana Dimitrova, PhD: The profession of court clerk (points 2 and 4); Specialization "Judicial Administration" in the Bachelor's Degree Program**
- Chief Assistant Prof. Milena Tsvetkovska, PhD, Chief Assistant Prof. Violeta Vladova-Ivanova, PhD, Chief Assistant Prof. Zhivka Mateeva, PhD : Sample tests for the student competition

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