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RIGHT OF A CHILD TO A NAME AS A LEGAL FORM OF ITS LEGAL EXISTENCE AND A WAY OF SELF-FULFILMENT

The role of person's childhood is not limited to biological maturation and involves the formation of readiness to participate in the social life of adults. One of the most important among the personal non-property rights of a child guaranteeing his/her social being and individuating from others minors is the right to a first name, middle name and last name.

Nowadays, despite a number of national differences a name continues to fulfill an important social function which starts from the moment of its occurrence, namely individualization (personalization) of an individual, to isolate him/her from the others.

The right to a name is one of the most important subjective rights of a child, as the child's personality becomes apparent to the public in the name. Correspondently, the aim of this paper is to study the content of minor's personal non-property right to a name and analyze the specifics of its powers.

Thus, the right to a name is researched in the broad and narrow sense. Under the name in a broad sense we un-

derstand the actual name of a citizen, his last name and middle name, and in a narrow sense – the opportunity to have own name.

Protection of a minor's right to a name depends on the kind of violation, contesting or non-recognition of this right. In this connection, general means of protection of subjective civil rights under the Article 16 of the Civil Code of Ukraine sometimes may be used for its protection. A special way of protecting the right to a name, such as conducting own identification by presenting a birth certificate or a passport of a minor as an identifying documents can be also used.

Thus, having researched the realization the right to a name by a child we have all reasons to believe that a minor has the following legal opportunities of the absolute character concerning his/her name: first, to be the bearer of his name, to use it in all spheres of life and change it; second, to require from others not to violate his/her right to a name; and thirdly, to demand the protection of the right to a name in all cases of violations.