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## **THE ESSENCE OF LEGALITY AND ITS MODERN UNDERSTANDING IN LEGAL SCIENCE**

The article analyzes the theoretical approaches to defining the essence and content of legality, an understanding of its basic requirements. The conclusion is made that is most common characteristic of the rule of law as the principle of state activity, as the method of state management society, and how the modes of social relations, which meets the requirements of laws and other normative acts.

Legality before appear as a social reality must be understood as the need to pre-consciously “given” as a subject of law principles of their activity. Sufficiently high level of culture, which is manifested, in particular, certain legal ideals, principles, beliefs – a necessary prerequisite for ideological legitimacy. But she acts as a kind of legitimacy index, an indicator of culture. The most

important discovery of the spiritual culture of society is different forms of social consciousness, which merges the closest to the legality of justice. Level of justice reflected the state of the rule of law, primarily indirectly through legislation, the ideological source of which is the very sense of justice. The more perfect law, the more accurately it is a progressive legal representation, the more favorable conditions for the rule of law. Moreover, justice directly affects the legitimacy of the field of law enforcement. The role it performs because provides: a) voluntary implementation of regulations of law; b) proper clarification, interpretation of the meaning of legal norms; c) selection within the limits set by law, the most appropriate behaviors; d) to overcome in cases permitted by law gaps in the legislation.