

METHODOLOGY OF THEORY AND PRACTICE OF JURISPRUDENCE

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TRADITIONAL AND NONTRADITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF UKRAINIAN LAW

Functions of law are in constant motion and development. They not only are changing, but their quality is changing due to the formation of new functions. Since there is a change in purpose of law, study of the functions of law can be seen in all areas of modern jurisprudence. Interest in studying the functions of law is justified, because it leads to the knowledge of law's mission in society, especially its mechanism of action, are demonstrated in general, and in the separate areas of public life. In reality, the functions of law do not exist in isolation from each other, they are interrelated and closely intertwined, representing their integrity.

Inextricable link of the functions of law with legal matter determines the existence of the traditional fundamental functions of law: regulatory and protective functions of law. Namely these traditional functions of law characterize it as substantive self-formation. The need of the existence of law as a social phenomenon is the necessity for the realization of these functions.

Such nontraditional function of law, as the informational function of law is working closely with the traditional fundamental functions of law.

Under the circumstances when globalization becomes a major factor in determining the development of legal systems, when the informational society is emerged, the principles of interaction between government and the individual are changing, derives the formation of new functions of law, including the allocation of the informational function of law.

Also it is proposed to consider the integrative function of law as an independent one. Among the non-traditional functions of law are considered demographical function of law and the expressive function of law.

Complex functions of law are in constant development, germinating nontraditional functions of law, in addition, a new life get the traditional functions of law.

Today for the Ukrainian law, the informational function stands out as a major part in realization of law, and determines the prospects of solving the most important problems of state administration.