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LEGAL ENTITIES AS VICTIMS OF CRIMES AND VIABILITY OF INVESTIGATION OF THEM IN VICTIMOLOGY

The article is dedicated to the problem of recognition of legal entities as crime victims and viability of investigation of such cases in victimology. The author affirms that both natural person and legal entity can be recognized as crime victims. To confirm this thought the author gives ideas of legal scholars who studied the issue.

In the present article the author states the notion of victim behavior of legal entity. Victim behavior of legal entity is the complex of actions of its office holders, steering bodies or employees that directly or indirectly provoked commission of a crime which inflicted harm to this legal entity. The author gives its possible types (conflictive, provocative, and lighthearted) and briefly describes them. Classification of legal entities as

victims of crime is elaborated and presented in the article (victim is absolutely not guilty; victim with inconsiderable guilt; victim and delinquent are equally guilty; victim has major guilt than delinquent does; victim with criminal behavior; stimulative victim).

The author suggests developing of victimization preventive services toward legal entities and undertakes further study in the field. Alternative definition of crime victims, which comprises both natural persons and legal entities, is suggested in the article. In author's opinion, victim of a crime is a certain natural person or legal entity that was harmed by the crime regardless of recognition of them as victim in criminal proceeding and revelation of the fact of infliction of harm by means of criminal action.

