

**REVIEW OF ASSOC. PROF. DR. A. LAURINAVICIUS MONOGRAPH
“CIVIL SERVICE LAW: LEGAL REGULATION OF STATUTORY
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION”**

In my opinion, the monograph “Civil Service Law: Legal Regulation of Statutory Public Administration” presents a thorough and detailed scientific analysis of statutory service management. An original concept of administrating of statutory state services is stated in the work. It is worth to note that the study displays the issues which have been little discussed and often ignored by other scientists – issues related to customs service, police internal regulations. It shows that the author is in possession not only of theoretical knowledge but also of practical experience, he is able to carry out social research on basis of which he can reason his hypothesis. Obviously, the nowadays reality dictates rather different view of Lithuania and that of Belarus towards the statutory services, however, the state, its institutional aim – to serve the man, to implement his/her constitutional rights- is akin. Therefore, I do hope that the book will be of interest to Belarusian State University students and scientists.

As we all know, the career mode applicable in administration of the state services creates almost an independent, centralized system of public authority institutions in order to meet the internal needs of the state. Thus, there are no doubts concerning the chosen subject for research.

The scientific literature usually spotlights the administrative activity, taking of formal decisions, and their implementation according to the established order. A. Laurinavicius monograph for the first time presents the issues of the internal statutory state services administration. His choice is based on that today like never before, a particular role falls upon organizational abilities of statutory institutions, to professionalism and competence of officers. New social challenges like new threats to society’s security, a need to constantly improve human and civil rights, to guarantee human freedoms, to ensure his /her security makes us analyse the changing role of the state, its institutions , to create the preconditions for their functional activity which meets nowadays requirements.

The monograph presents rather an unusual, non-traditional approach towards the law. Changed functions of the state change the social functions of statutory services: the role of statutory services acting as power institutions diminishes. As the author says, in the western countries today, the management state is modelled; the state which solves internal problems following not a narrow rule, but primary notions of democratic community, for example, the European Community law principles. The officer of Statutory or restricted disciplinary state service officer of performing his public administration duties, at the same time is a public relations manager.

The author makes a presumption that a customs officer, border guard service officer or other officer status is not only legal but related to management as well. The law is suggested to be realized as a specific back bone for this field public relations regulation; the back-bone which enables t create preconditions for realization of totality of social norms (morality, management, deontology, traditions, etc.). This explains why the book consists of two parts. The introduction units and the first part of the monograph presents the Soviet law, statutory institutions administering concept. The second part “Specific legal questions of the statutory state service” remains open because the author analyses separate, in his opinion, the essential problems which reveal the statutory services internal administering peculiarities. Moreover, the author enhances the reader to always have a critical point of view, to look for the answers by the reader him/herself, to personally contribute to the improvement of internal and external management of statutory institutions.

The reader’s attention is attracted by results of sociological research presented by the author in a rather visual and convincing manner. Sociological analysis or, as the author has put it - “analysis of practical examples”- emphasises that the chosen topic is very up-to-date. A part of the sociological research which had been done during 5-7 years, contributed to the problems to be stated and to the final answers to be given, the recommendations for practitioners to be presented. The research work, however, have to be a continuous process which could involve not only Lithuanian but also neighbour states practitioners, scientists interested in these problems and issues. Some problems discussed in the book could be interesting and significant in a way to Belarus statutory organizations. In my opinion, with the help of nowadays advanced information technology possibilities, it would be possible to analyse problems

by common efforts of our countries' scientists, especially in the field of Belarus- Lithuanian state border security, transit business and other up-to-date issues.

The study presents detailed and thorough analysis of statutory services management. The author introduces the original concept of statutory services management improvement and the preconditions for its implementation. Thus, the author of the monograph, A. Laurinavicius has accomplished a significant scientific and practical work which is relevant in terms of the content, of the scientific analysis, of the introduced hypothesis novelty and is notable for the way laying ideas. "Civil Service Law: Legal Regulation of Statutory Public Administration" is an edition which will be of interest to professional lawyers, students, experts of this field who carry out the reforms in the field of the public administration in any state.

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