

## REVIEW

of the academic supervisor to the final qualifying work  
of the LLM student of the “Transnational Legal Practice” program

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on the topic “Research on the application of blockchain technology in the field of  
private law relations”

The topic of the graduate qualification work by T.A. Kozochkina is undoubtedly relevant, as it is associated with various acute ways of implementing pervasive digital technology of distributed ledgers, which has, on the one hand, practical significance, and on the other – generating quite novel legal problems that require resolution. Both domestic authors (e.g. V.O. Kalyatin) and foreign scholars (e.g. J. Fairfield) appreciate the potential of this technology and its “disruptive” impact on many fields, including legal theory.

The work is structured logically and consistently, written in competent language, includes an analysis of relevant sources and interesting conclusions. The author consecutively considers the concept of blockchain technology both from a technical point of view and as an element of legal reality, researches modern implications of blockchain technology in the field of private law (which includes review of the smart contracts problem, analysis of the ways of use of blockchain tokens and application of blockchain technology in the protection of intellectual property rights), analyses sources on the legal regulation of blockchain technology. A particular merit of the work is how the author discloses the approaches to the domestic and foreign regulation of the blockchain technology and which prospects for legal regulation of blockchain technology in the Russian Federation are identified.

Like any work on the legal problems of pervasive digital technologies, this work is not without its controversial points, but this is not a disadvantage – on the contrary, this situation predefines the field for discussion, in which the author can more clearly disclose the merits of the work and its conclusions.

A separate merit of the work is the fact that the topic of blockchain raises a lot of interest among the LLM students, and there is a plenty of works dedicated to the topic. That said, the author succeeded in finding the aspects of the problem that are not trivial and/or repetitive.

In view of the above, I believe it is possible to conclude that the graduation thesis in question meets the qualification requirements and it can be given a high positive assessment.



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