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## News Bulletin

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## News of the month:

### 1. BANKING LAW

- 1.1. Letter of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation dd. 25.03.2011 fixing the refinancing rate of the Central Bank and interests on Central Bank operations at the same level.

### 2. BANKRUPTCY

- 2.1 Order of the Ministry of Economical Development of the Russian Federation dd. 12.03.2011 No. 102 “On approval of the Federal standard of arbitration managers professional activity “Self-governed organisation of arbitration managers requirements to arbitration managers concerning an obligation to enter into agreement on obligatory insurance of liability” concerning requirements of obligatory insurance of arbitration manager’s liability provided by the Insolvency Federal Law.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

- 3.1. Decree of the President of the Russian Federation dd. 01.03.2011 No. 250 “Questions concerning police organisation” explaining provisions of new body organisation, list of departments and branches, powers of officers.
- 3.2. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 20.03.2011 No. 42-Φ3 “On alteration of the Federal Law “On immigration records of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation” and certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation”, altering procedure of migration records of foreign citizens and stateless persons in case of highly skilled specialists employment.

### 4. CRIMINAL LAW

- 4.1. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 07.03.2011 No. 26-Φ3 “On alteration of certain articles of Criminal code of the Russian Federation” which abolishes low limits of the term of imprisonment for certain groups of crimes and introduces punishments non-connected to deprivation of liberty.
- 4.2. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 20.03.2011 No. 39-Φ3 “On alteration of Criminal procedural code of the Russian Federation” concerning the possibility to use the system of videoconference during interrogation of witnesses and victims.
- 4.3. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 20.03.2011 No. 40-Φ3 “On alteration of Art. 399 of the Criminal procedural code of the Russian Federation” clarifying the order of examination by court of questions concerning execution of verdict.



## 5. COURT SYSTEM

- 5.1. High Arbitration Court Plenum ruling dd. 17.02.2011 No. 10 “On certain questions of pledge legislation application” (published 11.03.2011) which specifies procedure of concluding agreements on recovery against pledged property unjudicially.
- 5.2. High Arbitration Court Plenum ruling dd. 17.02.2011 No. 11 “On certain questions of application of Special Part of Code of Administrative Offences of the Russian Federation” (published 29.03.2011) which specifies application of certain articles of the code including those concerning administrative liability for offences in the area of migration records of foreign citizens, construction, protection of intellectual property, breach of rules of renovation and maintenance of houses.
- 5.3. High Arbitration Court Plenum ruling dd. 17.02.2011 No. 11 “On certain questions of application of Arbitration Procedural Code of the Russian Federation with amendments introduced by Federal Law No. 228-Φ3 dd. 27.07.2010 “On amendments to Arbitration Procedural Code of the Russian Federation” (published 15.03.2011) concerning procedure of submitting of e-documents in arbitration courts of the Russian Federation.
- 5.4. Report of court practice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation for fourth quarter of 2010 (approved by the order of the Supreme Court Presidium of the Russian Federation dd. 16.03.2011) which examines the issues of crimes qualification, award of a penalty, examination of certain groups of civil cases, procedural issues; it also includes extracts from the European Court of Human Rights decisions.
- 5.5. Decision of the Supreme Court the Russian Federation Plenum dd. 10.03.2011 No. 2 “On application of legislation on obligatory social insurance from accidents on factory and professional diseases” clarifying issues in the areas of labour, civil, and family legislation as well as by-laws regulating investigation and recording of professional diseases, medico-social expertise, ascertainment of professional disability level, and some other issues.