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1. STATE BODIES

- 1.1 Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 21.11.2011 No. 329-FZ "On alteration of certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation in connection with improvement of public governance in the area of corruption counteraction", which unified rights, obligations, limits, and bans for civil state and municipal servants and persons occupying civil state and municipal posts and specified inter alia that the state paying off compensation for the damaged done by unlawful actions of civil state and municipal servants is entitled to recover its costs at the expense of such civil servants.
- 1.2 Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 21.11.2011 No. 323-FZ "On the basis of citizens health protection in the Russian Federation", which defines legal, economic and organizational basis citizens health protection, their rights and obligations in this area and guarantees of their realization. The Law also fixes competence and obligations of the state, rights and obligations of medical organisations, pharmaceutical and medical workers.

2. LABOR LAW

2.1. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 22.11.2011 No. 334-FZ "On alteration of Labor code of the Russian Federation in part of improvement of consideration and examination of collective labour disputes", which optimizes the process of consideration and examination of collective labour disputes, corrects certain terms and specifies the acts of labour dispute parties in details.

3. CIVIL LAW

- 3.1. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 21.11.2011 No. 328-FZ "On alteration of certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation in part of special-purpose capital of non-commercial organisations formation and use", which corrects the formation and use of special-purpose capital of non-commercial organisations and specifies inter alia that this capital may be formed at the expense of donations in form of monies, shares and immovable property.
- 3.2. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 21.11.2011 No. 328-FZ "On organized public sale", which regulates relations on organized public sale in financial and/or goods market, establishes requirements to its organizers and participants, defines basis of state regulations of this activity.

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- 3.3. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 21.11.2011 No. 327-FZ "On alteration of certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation in connection with adoption of Federal Law "On organized public sale", which corrects certain legislative acts in connection with the adoption of the Law on organized public sale and fixes administrative liability for breach of information disclosure procedure.
- 3.4. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 21.11.2011 No. 324-FZ "On free legal aid in the Russian Federation", which establishes main guarantees of realization of citizens right on free qualified legal aid, defines categories of citizens who are entitled to get such aid, when they can get it, and who can it render.
- 3.5. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 21.11.2011 No. 326-FZ "On alteration of certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation in connection with adoption of Federal Law "On free legal aid in the Russian Federation", which was adopted in connection with the Law "On free legal aid in the Russian Federation". The Law inter alia regulates issues concerning additional remuneration, payment and compensation expenses of a lawyer who renders free legal aid under state program.
- 3.6. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 28.11.2011 No. 335-FZ "On investment partnership", which introduces new type of collective investments organisation without registration of a legal entity agreement on investment partnership, it is the kind of an agreement on particular partnership.
- 3.7. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 28.11.2011 No. 337-FZ "On alteration of City planning code of the Russian Federation and certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation", which has the aim to increase safety of buildings and constructions and introduces inter alia property liability of owner of building (construction) for damage caused by its demolition or injuries, for breach of safety requirements during its exploitation. Compensation shall not be paid, if owner proves that negative consequences arose due to victim's intention, acts of the third persons or acts of God. The Law also fixes a claim of exoneration to builders, self-governing organisations, and experts.

4. CRIMINAL LAW

4.1. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 06.11.2011 No. 292-FZ "On alteration of Criminal Procedural code of the Russian Federation", which extends the list of criminal offences under the jurisdiction of regional courts and includes offences prescribed by Art.132 (parts 3 and 4), 205.1 and 205.2 of the Criminal code.

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4.2. Federal Law of the Russian Federation dd. 08.11.2011 No. 308-FZ "On alteration of Federal Law "On counteraction of profits laundering received in a criminal way and financing of terrorism" and Code of the Russian Federation on administrative offences", which for the purposes of counteraction mechanism improvement to money laundering and financing of terrorism specifies rights and obligations of organisations exercising operations with monies and other property.

5. INTERNATIONAL LAW

5.1. Protocol dd. 24.09.2011 "On alteration of Agreement between the Russian Federation and Switzerland Confederation on avoiding of double taxation for taxes on profits and capital signed in Moscow on 15 November 1995", which included provisions concerning information exchange and counteraction of front schemes into Agreement on avoiding of double taxation.