

Preface to the English Edition

Science and innovation at the outset of the twenty-first century are becoming the moving force of society and all spheres of social life. Legal science is acquiring special importance for building a rule-of-law, democratic, social State in Ukraine and experiencing today the processes of turbulent development, a renewal of world-outlook and methodological principles, and an orientation towards generally-recognized humanitarian models of democracy and the supremacy of law and the rights and freedoms of man and citizen.

The National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine, the highest State scientific institution in the field of State and law, is making a worthy contribution to investigating topical problems of the development of the State and law of Ukraine, the constitutional principles of Ukrainian statehood, the legal problems of the economic development of Ukraine, and topical questions of the social defense of citizens and the prevention and combatting of crime.

The five-volume edition of the Academy's Legal System of Ukraine: Past, Present, and Future is a fundamental scholarly work by a large collective of legal scholars who are academicians and associate members of the National Academy of Legal Sciences of Ukraine and legal specialists who are employed in the leading scientific centers of Ukraine — Kharkov, Kyiv, Lviv, Odessa, and Donetsk and in legal scientific research and institutions of higher education from other regions of Ukraine.

The collective treatise sums up the results of forming a national legal system at various stages in the development of Ukrainian statehood and illuminates in an integrated and comprehensive account the legal regulation of all spheres of Ukrainian society, identifying the trends of and prospects for reform of the legal system.

This work is the third edition, revised and translated into English. The first edition appeared in 2008 in the Ukrainian language, and the revised second version in 2011 in the Russian language. Both were well received by the world of legal scholarship and legal practi-

tioners. The main objective of the present edition, further revised, is to make it possible for scholars from other countries to become acquainted with the achievements of Ukrainian legal scholarship in the various branches of law and modern Ukrainian law and practice.

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