

Dear visitors of web-site of the Scientific library of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University!

With the purpose of acquaintance with activity of our library of colleagues and scientific public of foreign countries we will present on our web-site materials in English language. Today – is the department of rare editions and manuscripts.

We hope that it will be for you not only interesting, but it can be used in research, scientific, educational activity

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The most valuable treasury of spirit of the University is the systematized collection of the rare editions and manuscripts, the main subject of which is the history and law.

The creation of the rare books department was initiated in 1977 by the First Pro-rector of the higher educational establishment Volodymyr Volodymurovuch Stashis.

At present the stock of the rare editions and manuscripts has more than 30 thousands books of the different branches of law and disciplines closely related to them in Ukrainian, Russian and foreign languages, printed at the period from 1726 to 1945, 201 names of the law periodical editions, more than 1900 dissertations, defended at the walls of the University, more than 18 thousands of the author's abstracts, including all branches of law.

Among the invaluable rarities are the spiritual treatise by the professor of rhetoric and politics of the Kyivo-Mogilyansky Academy, the prominent figure of Ukraine Feofan Prokopovich with his "The truth of the monarch will" (1726), "The Code according to which the court and reprisal at all affairs of the Russian State has been made, told and printed during the rule of His Majesty Tsar and the Grand Duke Ivan Vasil'evich of All Russia Autocrat in summer 7156 since the world began" (1737), "The Code of Law by the Tsar and the Grand Duke Ivan Vasil'evich of All Russia Autocrat" (1768). "Edicts, blessed and everworthy devoted to the memory of Your Majesty the Empress Ekaterina Alexeevna and the Sovereign Emperor" (1777) etc.

The scientific researchers have the possibility to trace the legislative base of law development. The library has all collections of the legislative acts since 1949. The first edition of the Russian Empire laws includes the legislative acts from 1649 to 1825 (45 volumes with supplements), the second one – from 1825 to 1881 (55 volumes with supplements), the third one – from 1882 to 1900 (20 volumes with supplements). "The collection of the Senate Statutes" includes the legislative acts from 1875 to 1915 (94 books). The legislative acts concerning the period of the First Civil War, the revolution and the post revolution times, in particular, the legislative acts of the Provisional Government, the codes of the workers-peasants government of Ukraine, Russia and other Soviet Republics.

The particular attention is given to the forming of the national law books stock and, first of all, the editions of the Kharkiv's law science re-presentatives, whose activity stimulated both the construction of the national law system so, directly, was devoted to the teaching of law sciences at the law department of the Kharkiv University then at the Kharkiv Law Institute. Among them one can find such an outstanding figures as: M. I. Palienko, O. D. Kisel'ov, V. P. Danevsky, M. O. Kuplevsky, M. O. Maximeiko, M. M. Grodzinsky, L. N. Zagursky, V. M. Gordon, V. I. Serebrovsky, V. S. Trachterov and others. The collection of their editions are being formed, the books with their autographes, ex-libris and personal signatures have being gathered.

It is difficult to overestimate the library collection of the manuscripts and lithographes having more than 60 manuscriptes of the different branches of law. Among the well-known figures, leaving their manuscript works are: D. I. Kachenovs'ky, V. P. Danevs'ky, K. M. Yarosh, O. Sobestians'ky, M. M. Kovalevs'ky, S. I. Vil'nyans'ky and others.

The great historical value has the collection of the law periodical editions having moor 200 names of journals and newspapers. Among them, first of all, are the follows: "The Bulletin of Law" (1899-1906, 1914-1916), "The Law Transactions" (from 1859 to 1914). "The Law Journal" (1860-1861), "The Judicial Journal" (1867-1869), "The Judicial Commentary" (1904-1905), " The Prison Bulletin" etc.

The library is actively working as to the opening of their stocks. With great interest the scientists and guests of the National Law Academy of Ukraine named after Yaroslav Mudry (Wise) and Presidium of the Law Science Academy acquainted with the exposition and review of the rare editions being systematically at exposition at the exhibition complex, Among the most interesting are as follows: "Yaroslav Mudry – the prominent figure of Kievan Rus", "The rare editions, the subject of which is law of the XVIII th century", "The history of the law branch at the works of the prominent jurists of the XIX-XX th centuries", "The development of the legal base of law", "The evolution of the civil law as the cultural heritage of the pre-revolutionary jurists" etc. At these days when the National Law university of Ukraine named after Yaroslav Mudry (Wise) celebrates the 210th anniversary from the foundation of the Kharkivshchina legal education, the great exposition is being exhibited such as: "The achievements of the Kharkiv Law School" at which has been presented the editions of the prominent Kharkiv jurists, their manuscripts and lithographies, the dissertations research of the Academy scientists.

The Yaroslav Mudry National Law University is the cradle of the numerous law schools and the modern achievements in the field of law of our state. To preserve this spiritual wealth for our successors is the main task of our library.