

ABSTRACTS

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RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN UKRAINE: CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS

Recognition and consolidation of constitutional law the fundamental rights and freedoms of man and citizen, endowed with juridical rule, their scope, content, implementation of safeguards under current conditions is one of the urgent, priority and major problems, effective solution which becomes clear indication of the development of any society and its institutions, the state and its political system, the degree of democratization.

This paper deals with the concept of « right to information » and examines the constitutional and legal aspects of access to information of public authorities and local governments.

Right to information (ie, the right to « collect, store, use and disseminate information «), some of the teachings attributed to political rights, but the right to express themselves and that includes the right to information, obviously, is not only the political rights of citizens, but also natural individual rights, such as the right to life is inherent in man from birth, not only in the context of participation in political life. The right to information can also be attributed to cultural rights in the context of freedom of literary, artistic, scientific and technical creativity. These questions are revealed in this article.

This paper addresses the issue of providing the public free access to the meetings of legislative, executive and other elected public authorities and local governments, and practical recommendations to address this problem.