Serdyuk I.A. Interpretation of the notion of a methodological approach in modern legal science. In preparing this article, the author has set out to clarify the existing pluralism of approaches in contemporary legal science to understanding the category of methodological approach, as well as clarify its content.

The analysis of various scientists' judgments about the phenomenon of the methodological approach became the basis for the formulation of such theoretical positions that have a methodological significance in terms of disclosing the content of the concept under study:

1) from the point of view of its content, the methodological approach is a system education that represents the unity of the philosophical (ideological), theoretical and methodological knowledge, and the meaningful content of such unity will vary depending on the particular methodological approach. In the author's opinion, the proposed view of the content of the phenomenon in question requires some clarification of the methodological plan, namely: a) the inclusion in the content of the methodological approach of philosophical (ideological) knowledge is due to the fact that they form the researcher a coherent picture of the world and place in to it the investigated object; b) theoretical knowledge in the form of categorical-conceptual designs is in fact the basic ontological postulates of the objects under investigation, the rules for their description and interpretation; c) methodological knowledge, although it is theoretical in its form, but not limited to the object of a particular science, beyond its limits, and as a system of ideas postulate not a particular subject of study, but the process of cognition, that tool (receptions, methods), which uses the researcher, as well as the technological aspect of its use, that is, the method;

2) in terms of the functional purpose of the phenomenon under study, we consider the convincing thesis that the methodological approach a) postulates the general research strategy; b) outlines (determines) its specific angle; c) postulates the selection of investigated facts and the interpretation of the results of the study.

Regarding these theoretical positions, the notion of a methodological approach proposed to understand the unity of the philosophical (ideological), theoretical and methodological knowledge, which determines the general strategy of research; the selection of the investigated facts and the interpretation of its results and, taking into account the specific angle of the object being studied, varies in its meaning.

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