

**Bonyak V. O., Kolomojets Y. O. Problem of balance of victim's procedural and legal status in Ukraine.** The problems of balancing the legal status of the victim in Ukraine with the status of other participants in criminal proceedings are considered: the constitutional principles on which the procedural and legal status of the victim is based are highlighted; grounded the leading place of the victim in the criminal proceedings; the norms of the domestic criminal procedural legislation are analyzed, which testify to a certain imbalance of the procedural legal status of the victim in comparison with other participants of such a process.

It is substantiated that in order to balance the procedural and legal status of the victim in Ukraine, the legislator needs to make changes to the current legal and regulatory framework, which would envisage:

- recognition of the victim in the established procedural order (for example, through a resolution - as in the case of a prosecutor, investigator's decision in the form of a decision to refuse recognition of the victim);
- attribution of the victim to the party of the charge;
- Removing an investigating officer from the prosecution - to adhere to the principles of equality and justice;
- for the victim (representative of the victim) the possibility of providing legal assistance through centers of free secondary legal aid in Ukraine.

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