

**Iryna M. Popovych. Forensic examination as a source of evidence in a separate proceedings.** Modern judicial practice indicates how important, in the quality of cases, is forensic examination, which with its special methods, tools and techniques contributes to the solution of judicial problems. An expert opinion plays a significant role in the process of proving in separate proceedings, when the question of the obligatory application of special knowledge arises. The article deals with study of forensic science as a source of evidence in a particular proceeding, as well as highlighting the clear difference between individual and other types of proceedings in civil proceedings, forming an opinion on the active role of the court in resolving cases in a particular proceeding. on the problem of interpretation by courts of norms of the national legislation at application of such means of proof as the expert's conclusion.

Analysis of scholars' opinions, national case law, ECtHR documents, current legislation and regulations governing the appointment of forensic examination, shows that, in addition to the general rules of the institution of evidence and proof, in cases of separate proceedings, the court may take into account all by law means of proof.

The expert's opinion is admissible, sufficient, reliable and categorical evidence in cases concerning changes in the legal status of individuals; establishing facts that are legally significant for the realization of rights and interests in family and other legal relations (for example, establishing the zygote of twins as a result of merging male and female gametes, establishing kinship (kinship) through molecular genetic examination).

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