

**By the Judgment of 13 April 2021 No. 13-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation examined constitutionality of The case on the review of constitutionality of Article 24, paragraph 2 of part 1; Article 24, part 2; Article 249, part 3 and Article 254, paragraph 2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Russian Federation.**

These provisions were subject of consideration insofar as they served in practice as basis to take a decision to discontinue a criminal case due to lack of *corpus delicti* when a private prosecution party does not appear in court without a valid reason.

The challenged provisions were recognised as inconsistent with the Constitution of the Russian Federation insofar as within the current legislative framework they lead to application of the above grounds for discontinuation of a criminal case when a private prosecution party does not appear in court without a valid reason.

Until the necessary amendments are introduced to the legislation, failure of the victim in a private prosecution criminal case to appear in court without a valid reason shall be a ground to discontinue a criminal case (criminal prosecution) due to lack of an event of a crime (Article 24, part 1, item 1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Russian Federation).