

**By the Judgement of 17 July 2019 No.28-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Articles 50 and 52 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation”.**

The challenged provisions were subject to consideration in so far as on their basis the issue of the defendant's refusal from the assistance of an advocate by appointment was resolved, even though an advocate by agreement participates in a criminal case.

The Constitutional Court recognised the disputed norms not contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent that, in their constitutional and legal meaning, they do not imply that an investigator, an interrogator or a court can dismiss an application of the person refusing the advocate participating in the criminal case by appointment, even though an advocate by agreement participates in a criminal case, if there is no abuse of the right to defense by this person, as well as by the invited advocate.