

**Judgment of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation of 9 July
2013 No. 18-II. Resume.**

By the Judgment of 9 July 2013 No. 18-II the Constitutional Court gave appraisal of constitutionality of the provisions of Items 1, 5 and 6 of Article 152 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation

The contested normative provisions were subject-matter of consideration by the Constitutional Court to the extent to which they serve as a ground for taking decision on the question of removal of pieces of information, defaming the honour, dignity or business reputation of a citizen, placed on the site by third persons and recognized as not conforming to reality by court, by the owner of an Internet site not registered as a means of mass media.

By its decision the Constitutional Court recognized the contested provisions as not contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent to which they, not contemplating calling the site's owner or a person authorized by him to account for the fact itself of placing pieces of information, whose authenticity the site's owner or a person authorized by him have no possibility to verify on their own, do not deprive such a citizen of the right to turn to other lawful means of protection of the violated right.

At the same time the contested normative provisions were recognized as not conforming to the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent to which they do not oblige the owner of an Internet site or a person authorized by him, responsible for placing information on this site, to remove, upon demand of the citizen, information containing data, defaming his honour, dignity or business reputation, which were recognized as not conforming to reality by a court decision.

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