

**By the Judgment of 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 No. 9-II/2015 the Constitutional Court gave appraisal of constitutionality of Item 5 of Article 11 of the Law of the Russian Federation “On Status of Judges in the Russian Federation”**

The contested normative provision was the subject-matter of consideration as broaching on the question of the possibility to continue consideration in essence of a criminal case by a judge appointed to the post of a judge in another court during the consideration of this case.

The Constitutional Court recognized the contested norm as not conforming to the Constitution of the Russian Federation to the extent it does not ensure coordination of organizational conditions of exercising the powers of a judge, appointed during consideration of a criminal case by him to the post of a judge in another court, with the requirements of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation on consideration of a criminal case by an unchanging composition of a court, which engenders uncertainty as to the possibility to continue consideration of a criminal case in essence by such judge.

The Constitutional Court noted that recognition of the contested provision as not conforming to the Constitution of the Russian Federation does not place in doubt legality of the court, which the judge who was appointed during consideration of a criminal case to another court, but who continued the consideration of this case, formed part of.