

**By the Judgement of 7 July 2020 No. 33-II the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation appraised constitutionality of Article 56, Section 1, para. 1 of the Criminal Procedure Code of the Russian Federation.**

The challenged provision was the subject of consideration to the extent that on its basis the system of existing legal regulation addresses the issue of interrogation of persons who participated in the criminal proceedings as jurors, about the circumstances of violation of the secrecy of the deliberations when they delivered a verdict, or about any other unlawful effect on the jury while adjudicating.

The challenged provision was recognised as not contradicting the Constitution of the Russian Federation, to the extent that in the current legal regulation the provision:

does not prevent the court of appeal on the basis of a substantiated petition of the party challenging the verdict of the jury to invite the jurors to the court to clarify the circumstances of the alleged violation of the secrecy of the deliberation or other violations of the criminal procedure law during the discussion and verdict without giving them the procedural status of a witness;

implies the right of persons participating in the case as a juror to give explanations to the court of appeal regarding these circumstances, without disclosing information about the judgments that took place during the deliberation, about the positions of the jurors when voting on the issues raised before them.