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Presuppositions in scientific legal text: means of expressing and pragmatic functions

In the context of the scientific and legal text, the presupposition is a semantic and pragmatic phenomenon, and therefore the statement in this text, in order to have an effective perlocutive effect on the addressee, contains implicit preconditions of comprehension, which are taken by the addressee as a matter of course. This publication discusses the constructive role of presuppositions in the scientific legal text, illustrates how they are activated and what pragmatic functions they perform. It is demonstrated, based on what parameters the authors of scientific and legal texts distinguish between effective and ineffective presuppositions, while in some cases significantly reducing the clarity and transparency of the text. It is argued that the optimal use of presuppositions is an effective stylistic means of creating a concise nature of the legal statement.

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