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## **LONGSTANDING OBLIGATIONS AS NATURAL OBLIGATIONS**

The article studies intercommunication of the longstanding obligations, limitation of actions and right to defence. Legal consequences of limitation of actions are examined and legal nature of equitable property right of person is analyzed with respect to expiration of limitation of actions.

The research of the concept, legal nature and place of longstanding obligation in civil law system of Ukraine involves identification of the relationship of longstanding obligation to the protection of the law and statute of limitations.

The analysis allows us considering longstanding obligation as a kind of natural obligations, claims to which lack legal protection and voluntary implementation of which is recognized appropriate.

Longstanding obligation turns into full and civil obligation to the restoration of the missed period of limitation in court

or at stage of only voluntary execution, i.e. before the restoration of missed limitation period.

The nature of longstanding obligation is not much of a moral obligation or moral duty but rather civil obligation legally weakened by deprivation of enforceability under the canceling condition of voluntary implementation of the obligations and secured by allegedly stated future denial of the claim.

Thus, in terms of doctrinal justification and law enforcement practice, the most justified understanding of longstanding obligation is as civil obligation, although weakened (paralyzed, degenerated, etc.). Longstanding obligation is a specific type of obligation, claims to which lack legal protection and voluntary implementation of which is recognized appropriate and aimed to facilitate the removal of uncertainty of binding legal relations.