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## **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF COMMUNICATION PROCESSES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: A MANAGERIAL PERSPECTIVE**

The article examines the peculiarities of the digital transformation of communication processes within the criminal justice system of Ukraine from a managerial perspective. From the perspective of a management approach, it is advisable to consider the system of communications in criminal proceedings as a digital communication ecosystem that unites the court, pre-trial investigation bodies, the prosecutor's office, the bar, expert institutions, participants in the proceedings and a digital platform for interaction in a single information and communication environment. The effectiveness of the functioning of such an ecosystem is ensured by the level of digital integration of its elements, the speed of information exchange, the reliability of information transmission channels, the quality of feedback and the degree of trust between communication subjects. At the same time, digitalization processes create new challenges for the functioning of the criminal justice system. Among them, communication barriers associated with the imperfection of the regulatory and legal regulation of electronic interaction, technical failures of information and communication systems, problems with identifying participants in the process, insufficient level of digital competencies and the adequacy of confirmation of proper notification of participants in the proceedings are of particular importance.

The theoretical foundations of communication are generalized, and current trends in the digitalization of justice are analyzed. The study identifies the main communication barriers and risks associated with the use of digital interaction tools between courts and participants in criminal proceedings. The expediency of considering the criminal justice system as a digital communication ecosystem is substantiated. An algorithm for managing and coordinating communication processes, as well as a system of indicators for assessing their effectiveness, is proposed. The practical significance of the study lies in the possibility of applying the proposed approaches to enhance the effectiveness of procedural interaction, minimize communication risks, and improve digital justice.

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