

LEX SITUS OR THE LAW OF THE LAND IN EARLY FEUDALISM

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ABSTRACT: *The current paper aims to analyze the judicial regulations known under the generic name of „Law of the land” which is specific to the time when the Romanian states were formed and became countries. The ancient origin of many regulations was determined by the factor which was the stability element in a society, the village community, which helped this system assume the legal custom and adapt it to the new factor which configured law, but in an unwritten, oral manner. The appearance of written legal regulations, the codes of law of the 17th century, made a clear distinction between written law and unwritten law, which will be called a „custom”.*

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¹ancient name of a region

² type of political organisation

³ type political organization, based on the authority of a leader called „cneaz”

⁴ territory under the authority of a leader, called „voievod”