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Materials of the Svan Folk Law

Summary

In old Svaneti Svan folk law was the only regulator of the social legal relations. It maintains its significance up to the present day. The Svan folk law is a multifaceted institution. Several principal moments are identified in it:

1. To make a victim to reconcile;
2. Selection of mediators;
3. To swear an oath;
4. To question witnesses.
5. Discussing the case;
6. To pass sentence;
7. To declare sentence;
8. Reconciliation.