

Summary

Petition for divorce as a subgenre

Dissertation *Petition for divorce as a subgenre* is part of the trend of linguistic genology. The aim of the study is to describe a divorce petition based on the theoretical foundations of genre modeling created by Maria Wojtak. The study of the subgenre covered structural, pragmatic, cognitive, axiological and stylistic aspects.

In every aspect, the sender's desire to inscribe the content of his life into a conventionalized type of text is visible. It turns out that a divorce petition is an inconsistent type, in which the essential parts, i.e. demands and justification, are expressed by means of different syntax and stylistic means. The technically expressed expectations forming a separate part of the document do not correlate with the story of everyday life expressed in the justification. The petition is distinguished by the lack of honorifics towards the institutional addressee, as well as the authors' desire to describe events precisely.

A divorce petition, which is a type of official text, combines elements of several other genres, e.g. a complaint and an application, the use of which depends on the intention of the sender. The main purpose of the lawsuit is to convince the recipient to meet the demands that are expressed in a formalized manner and in this respect there is no room for variation. In the justification, however, greater authorial freedom is observed, and its subject matter and manner of presentation are an individual matter, depending on the needs and specific goals of the sender.

The dissertation also presents the history of divorce lawsuits, as well as the legal principles of its functioning. A petition, like other court letters, is subject to rules and legal modifications, which are dictated by the assumptions of the legislator and they determine the shape of the letter. It is therefore an evolving genre, as the changing law imposes additional elements to be included in the text. The sender must meet them for the letter to be processed. Its creation therefore requires some knowledge in the field of understanding and applying legal provisions.