

Legal Research on the Inheritance of Game Virtual Accounts in the Context of the Civil Code

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ABSTRACT

With the continuous development of Internet technology, the status of virtual property in people's lives is becoming increasingly important. As a form of online virtual property, the inheritance issue of game virtual accounts has also become a focus of social attention. This article takes the Civil Code as the background to study the legal issues related to the inheritance of virtual gaming accounts.

Firstly, this article elaborates on the concept, characteristics, and classification of game virtual accounts. Game virtual account refers to a virtual account registered by players in online games, which includes virtual assets such as characters, equipment, and coins. Game virtual accounts have characteristics such as virtuality, value, and dependence, and their classification mainly includes individual accounts and team accounts.

Secondly, this article analyzes the legal basis for the inheritance of game virtual accounts. The Civil Code stipulates that natural persons enjoy legal property rights, including virtual property on the internet. Therefore, as a form of online virtual property, the inheritance of game virtual accounts should also be protected by law. Meanwhile, this article also explores the special issues related to the inheritance of virtual game accounts, including the ownership of accounts, the identification of inheritors, and the realization of inheritance rights.

Finally, this article proposes suggestions for improving the legal system of virtual account inheritance in games. Firstly, the ownership of virtual game accounts should be clearly defined to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of players; Secondly, a sound system for identifying heirs should be established to ensure their legal identity; Finally, the mechanism for realizing inheritance rights should be improved to protect the legitimate rights and interests of heirs.

In short, the inheritance of game virtual accounts is an important aspect of network virtual property inheritance. With the continuous development of internet technology, the issue of inheriting virtual accounts in games will also receive increasing attention. Therefore, we need to continuously improve relevant laws and regulations, protect the legitimate rights and interests of players, and promote the healthy development of online games.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Background introduction

With the rapid development of the Internet and the game industry, game virtual accounts have increasingly become a part of people's daily entertainment and social networking. However, in

real life, when a gamer passes away due to illness, accident, or other reasons, whether their gaming virtual account can be inherited to a loved one, or other designated heir is a highly debated issue.

In the context of the Civil Code, the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts has become a hot topic. The Civil Code provides guidance on the right of inheritance, but due to the special nature of game virtual accounts, there are still certain difficulties in the legal definition of inheritance issues.

First of all, as a kind of digital virtual property, the value and rights of game virtual accounts are difficult to clearly define. The game virtual account is not a material property in the traditional sense, but a service right provided by the game platform. Therefore, whether it can be regarded as an inheritance for inheritance, and how to evaluate its economic, spiritual and social value need to be studied and solved urgently.

Secondly, the inheritance of game virtual accounts involves the balance between the rights and interests of heirs and privacy protection. The game virtual account contains multiple levels of rights and interests such as personal privacy, game data and virtual property. In the process of inheritance, how to protect the rights and interests of the heirs without infringing on the privacy rights of the decedent and the business interests of the game platform needs to be carefully weighed and defined.

In addition, cross-border inheritance and international cooperation are also important backgrounds for the current research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts. Due to the global nature of the internet, the holders and heirs of virtual gaming accounts often exist in different countries or regions. Therefore, how to resolve the conflict of inheritance rights under different legal systems and how to establish an international cooperation mechanism to ensure that the inheritance rights of game virtual accounts can be effectively guaranteed are also issues that need to be explored and solved urgently.

The legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code has important legal and sociological significance in the context of the current Internet and game industry. The development of relevant research will provide important reference and guidance for the confirmation and protection of the inheritance right of game virtual accounts, and promote the continuous improvement of inheritance legal theory and practice.

1. Purpose of the paper

The purpose of legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts under the background of the current Civil Code mainly includes the following aspects:

Defining the ownership of rights and interests: At present, the ownership of the inheritance rights and interests of game virtual accounts as digital virtual assets has not been clearly stipulated by law. Therefore, one of the purposes of the study is to clarify the ownership of the inheritance rights and interests of the game virtual account, and ensure that the legal heirs can legally enjoy the rights and interests of the decedent's game virtual property and services.

Protection of heirs: The purpose of the study is also to ensure that the rights and interests of heirs are effectively protected. Game virtual account inheritance involves issues such as information security, privacy protection, and property protection that heirs may face. Through legal research, reasonable protection of rights and interests and legal remedies can be provided for heirs to ensure that their legitimate rights and interests are safeguarded.

Coordination of inheritance rights with service providers: In the inheritance of game virtual accounts, the interests of the game platform or service provider are involved. One of the purposes of the study is to balance the relationship between the rights and interests of the heirs and the interests of the service providers, to ensure that the game platform can reach a reasonable agreement with the heirs, protect the legitimate rights and interests of the heirs, and maintain the normal operation of the game platform.

Cross-border inheritance and international cooperation: With the development of the Internet, the inheritance of game virtual accounts often involves cross-border situations. One of the aims of the study is to explore the legal challenges in cross-border inheritance and to seek international cooperation mechanisms to ensure that the inheritance rights of game virtual accounts are effectively protected on a global scale.

In general, the purpose of legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts is to clarify the ownership of inheritance rights, protect the legitimate rights and interests of heirs, coordinate the interests of heirs and service providers, and establish an international cooperation mechanism for cross-border inheritance. Through the realization of these research objectives, it can provide theoretical basis and practical guidance for the legal protection of the inheritance right of game virtual accounts, and promote the continuous improvement of the inheritance legal system.

2. Significance of the study:

Filling the legal gap: With the development of the digital economy, virtual property has become an

important part of people's property. However, in the traditional legal system, there is no clear provision on the inheritance of virtual property. Therefore, through the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code, it is helpful to fill this legal gap and provide a clear legal basis for the inheritance of virtual property.

Protecting citizens: Gaming virtual accounts often have a certain property value and are the result of the gamer's time, effort, and money. If the inheritance of the game virtual account cannot be reasonably resolved, the property rights and interests of citizens may be harmed. Therefore, this study is of great practical significance for the protection of citizens' rights and interests.

Promote the healthy development of the game industry: Clear rules for the inheritance of game virtual accounts can provide a stable legal environment for the game industry. This helps to boost the confidence of gamers and promote the healthy development of the gaming industry.

Promoting legal progress: In the face of the emerging virtual property problem, it is a legal challenge to reasonably adjust the legal provisions to protect the rights and interests of citizens and promote the development of the industry. Therefore, this study will help to promote the progress and innovation of law, so that law can better adapt to the development of society.

3. Research status

At present, the inheritance of game virtual property has gradually attracted the attention of the legal and academic circles. With the popularity of online games and the increase in the number of users, the value and importance of virtual property are gradually recognized. However, due to the special nature of game virtual property, the traditional legal system has certain difficulties in solving the problem of virtual property inheritance.

In the context of the Civil Code, China's laws have relatively few provisions on the inheritance of game virtual accounts, and there are problems of unclear and imperfect. This has led to difficulties in the application of the law in actual cases when the courts deal with disputes over the inheritance of game virtual accounts. Therefore, there is an urgent need to strengthen the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code, so as to clarify the legal status and inheritance rules of virtual property.

The first is to discuss the legal nature of game virtual property to determine whether it is inheritable, the second is to sort out and analyze the existing laws and

regulations to find out the legal gaps and controversies of virtual property inheritance, and the third is to draw on relevant foreign legislation and judicial practice to put forward suggestions for improving the legal system of game virtual account inheritance in the context of China's civil code.

2. The characteristics and innovations of the project are as follows

1. Project features

Interdisciplinary research: This project combines the theories and methods of law, economics, information science and other disciplines to conduct a comprehensive and in-depth study on the inheritance of game virtual accounts.

Practice-oriented: This research aims to solve practical problems, pays attention to the practicality and application of the research, and ensures that the research results can truly provide legal support for the inheritance of game virtual accounts.

Systematic Analysis: The project will systematically analyze the legal nature, inheritance procedures, regulatory mechanisms and other aspects of the game virtual account to ensure the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the research.

2. Innovation

Innovation in research perspective: For the first time, from the background of the Civil Code, this paper studies the inheritance law of game virtual accounts, which fills the research gap in this field.

Research method innovation: Comprehensive use of literature research, empirical analysis, comparative research and other research methods to ensure the scientificity and objectivity of the research. At the same time, stakeholder discussions should be introduced to fully listen to the opinions of all parties to enhance the democracy and practicability of the research.

Solution innovation: A series of forward-looking and operable solutions are proposed, such as clarifying the legal attributes of game virtual accounts, establishing a virtual property value evaluation mechanism, and improving inheritance procedures and rules, which are expected to provide innovative ideas for the legal system of game virtual account inheritance.

Promote international cooperation and exchange and innovation: Actively advocate and promote cooperation and exchanges with other countries and regions in the field of game virtual account inheritance law, and contribute to the establishment of a global unified legal system.

3. The legal status of virtual property in the Civil Code

In the Civil Code, the legal status of virtual property has been clarified, and it is regarded as having a value independent of other network resources or real property, and is formally included in the scope of legal protection. This fills the gap in the law and lays a foundation for future legislative exploration and judicial practice on the protection of online virtual property.

According to the provisions of the Civil Code, virtual property is an object of property rights with legal status, and its illegal infringement is protected by law in accordance with the law. This means that virtual property is legally regarded as a property right equal to real property rights, with the same property attributes as other property rights.

In addition, the Civil Code provides that virtual property can be inherited in accordance with the law. This means that in the event of the death of the account owner, their legal heirs can inherit the virtual property in their account. This provision provides a legal basis for the inheritance of virtual property and protects the legitimate rights and interests of account users and heirs.

In short, the Civil Code clearly stipulates the legal status of virtual property, includes virtual property in the scope of legal protection, and provides a legal basis for the protection of the rights of virtual property. This is of great significance for protecting the legitimate rights and interests of network users and promoting the healthy development of the online virtual property market.

4. The legal nature and inheritance of the game virtual account

A. Definition and characteristics of virtual game accounts

Game virtual account refers to a digital account obtained by users through registration and purchase in online games. This account can be used to store virtual assets such as game characters, equipment, and coins, and can be used and managed in the game.

B. The legal nature of virtual game accounts

The legal nature of a game virtual account refers to its legal ownership and rights as a digital property. At present, there are different views on the legal nature of game virtual accounts, mainly including the theory of property rights, creditor's rights, intellectual property rights, etc. The theory of property rights holds that a game virtual account is a digital property right, and the user has ownership of it and can possess, use, dispose of, and benefit from it; the theory of creditor's rights holds that the game virtual

account is a service contract relationship between the user and the game operator, and the user has a creditor's right against it; and the intellectual property theory holds that the virtual property in the game virtual account is an intellectual achievement, and the user enjoys intellectual property rights over it.

C. The law of inheritance of virtual game accounts

The inheritance rules of the game virtual account refer to how the virtual property in the game virtual account is inherited when the game user dies. According to the provisions of the Civil Code, virtual property can be inherited in accordance with the law. However, in practice, there are still some problems in the inheritance of game virtual accounts, which need to be regulated and improved by law. For example, how to confirm the death of a game user, how to protect the legitimate rights and interests of heirs, how to prevent heirs from maliciously transferring or tampering with virtual assets, and so on.

5. Cases related to "Inheritance of Game Virtual Accounts in the Context of the Civil Code".

In the context of the Civil Code, there are few cases of inheritance of game virtual accounts, because the protection and inheritance rules of virtual property in the Civil Code are still in the preliminary stage. However, we can use some relevant cases and legal provisions to explore the issue of the inheritance of game virtual accounts.

In Liyang City, Jiangsu Province, there was a case of mobile phone number inheritance. Citizen Liu Weijun's father ran a business before his death, and most of his business dealings over the years were done through two mobile phones. After his father died unexpectedly in a car accident, Liu Weijun was worried that if he changed the number, it would not be convenient for customers in business, so he hoped to inherit the mobile phone number. After several twists and turns, he was able to obtain two notarial deeds from the notary public.

Although this case is not directly about the inheritance of the game's virtual account, it does involve the inheritance of virtual property. In this case, the mobile phone number is considered a virtual property and is recognized by the notary as inheritable. This case provides a certain reference for the inheritance of the game virtual account.

Another related case is a 2006 online game virtual property dispute case. In this case, player Li purchased another player Zhang's account "Dao Dao Dog" in a certain online game and paid the corresponding fee. However, when Li used the account, the account was recovered by Zhang through

appeal. Mr. Li filed a lawsuit with the court, demanding that Mr. Zhang bear the liability for breach of contract and compensate for losses. In the end, the court ruled that Zhang lost the lawsuit and compensated Li for the corresponding losses.

This case involves the transaction and inheritance of virtual property. Although the account itself is not a virtual property that can be inherited, this case illustrates that virtual property can be traded and protected by law. This also provides an indirect legal basis for the inheritance of the game's virtual account.

In general, there are not many cases that directly involve the inheritance of virtual accounts in games. However, from the above two cases, it can be seen that with the development of the Internet and the digital economy, the value of virtual property has gradually been recognized and valued by the society. In the future, there may be more cases involving the inheritance of virtual property, and it is necessary for the law to continuously improve the relevant provisions to protect the rights and interests of users and promote the healthy development of the digital economy.

6. The main content of "virtual property".

The main contents of virtual property inheritance include the following aspects:

Will planning: Making a clear will is the basis for planning the succession of virtual property. The type, ownership, access and handling of virtual property should be clearly indicated in the will to ensure the legal and orderly inheritance of virtual property.

Account information collation: The heir needs to organize and record relevant account information, including accounts, passwords, and security settings for various websites and applications. This information is essential for the heirs to be able to legally access and manage the virtual property.

Understanding legal provisions and policies: Different countries and regions may have different legal regulations and policies regarding virtual property inheritance. The heirs should understand the local laws and regulations on the inheritance of virtual property, and carry out the inheritance operation under the premise of complying with the law.

Data privacy and security protection: When dealing with virtual property inheritance, care needs to be taken to protect the privacy and security of related data. Heirs shall properly handle and keep sensitive information and take appropriate measures to prevent data leakage and improper use.

Cross-border inheritance considerations: If cross-border inheritance is involved, understand the legal requirements of the country or region. This may include complying with procedures such as local inheritance laws, tax filings, and payments.

Inheritance Dispute Resolution: Disputes and disputes may arise in the process of dealing with the inheritance of virtual property. Resolving these issues may require legal advice, mediation, or litigation to ensure that legitimate rights and interests are protected.

In view of the complexity and diversity of virtual property inheritance, it is recommended to seek professional legal and financial advice when making relevant planning to ensure the legitimacy, smoothness and safety of the inheritance process.

7. Study the necessity of "virtual property inheritance".

A. The necessity of inheritance of "virtual property".

The necessity of virtual property inheritance is mainly reflected in the following aspects:

Value protection: With the development of social informatization, people's wealth has gradually shifted from physical property to virtual property, such as digital assets, cryptocurrencies, online accounts, etc. These virtual properties have a high economic value and need to be inherited to ensure that their legitimate rights and interests are protected.

Intangible heritage inheritance: Virtual property includes not only economic wealth, but also intangible heritage such as personal information, social media accounts, and cultural creations. For many people, these virtual properties also have significant emotional and commemorative value and need to be inherited in order to pass them on to future generations or designated heirs.

Family financial planning: Inheritance is a part of family financial planning and is essential for the proper arrangement and inheritance of personal wealth. Effectively planning and conducting virtual property inheritance can ensure a stable transfer of property and provide better financial security for family members.

Legal norms: With the popularity of virtual property, various countries have issued relevant laws and regulations to protect the rights and interests of virtual property inheritance. The necessity of virtual property inheritance is also largely determined by the provisions and requirements of the law.

All in all, the necessity of virtual property inheritance is reflected in the protection of wealth value, the

inheritance of intangible heritage, the realization of family financial planning, and compliance with legal norms.

B. Challenges faced by the inheritance of "virtual property".

There are several challenges to virtual property inheritance:

Identification and verification: There are difficulties in the identification and verification of virtual property. Because virtual property often exists in the form of electronic data or computer records, there is a lack of clear proof of ownership and the physical form of traditional property, which may require special technical means to identify and confirm.

Protection of interests: In virtual environments, user accounts, passwords, and security settings play a key role, but they also increase the risk of inheritance. Without sufficient information and credentials, the heirs may not be able to legally access and manage the virtual property, resulting in infringement of rights and interests.

Data privacy and security: Virtual properties often contain personal privacy and sensitive information, such as social media accounts, email addresses, etc. When inheriting, you need to pay attention to data privacy and security, and avoid leaking personal and financial information.

Cross-border issues: Virtual property is often not limited by national borders, while inheritance involves laws, regulations, and taxation in different countries. Cross-border succession may face issues such as international legal differences, tax complexities, and differences in legal procedures.

Lack of unified norms: There is a lack of unified international standards and norms in the field of virtual property inheritance, and laws and regulations vary from country to country. This poses a challenge to the legitimacy, clarity and validity of virtual property inheritance.

In the face of these challenges, gradually improving relevant laws and regulations, improving technical means, strengthening security protection and personal planning are all ways to deal with them to ensure the smooth progress of virtual property inheritance.

8. The significance of application and application prospects

A. The significance of application

Guiding the practice of game virtual account inheritance: Through in-depth research on the legal issues of game virtual account inheritance in the context of the Civil Code, it can provide clear guidance for game companies, players, and legal

institutions, and help them deal with the inheritance of game virtual accounts reasonably and compliantly in practice.

Protect the legitimate rights and interests of game users: Clear legal provisions on the inheritance of game virtual accounts can effectively protect the legitimate rights and interests of game users in terms of virtual property and prevent disputes and losses caused by unclear legal provisions.

Promote the healthy development of the game industry: A sound legal system for the inheritance of game virtual accounts can provide a stable and predictable legal environment for the game industry, thereby promoting the healthy development of the game industry. This is also good for boosting the confidence of game users and enhancing the image and reputation of the game company.

Enrich and develop the content of the Civil Code: Through the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code, the content of the Civil Code can be further enriched and developed, so that it can be more suitable for the development of modern society and economy. At the same time, it also provides reference for the inheritance of virtual property in other fields.

Promote the scientific and technological progress of law and the adaptability of the times: With the development of science and technology, people's lives are increasingly dependent on the Internet, and the protection and inheritance of virtual property are becoming increasingly prominent. Through the study of the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code, we can promote the scientific and technological progress of the law and the adaptability of the times, so that the law can better serve the people's life and development.

B. Application prospects

Conform to the trend of social development: With the popularity of online games and the increase of virtual property, the inheritance of game virtual accounts has become increasingly prominent. The study of the inheritance law of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code is a timely move to conform to this social development trend and has important practical significance.

Filling legal gaps: The legal status of gaming virtual accounts and their succession are not yet clearly defined in the current law. Through this study, it is helpful to clarify the legal attributes of game virtual accounts, fill the legal gaps, and provide a legal basis for the court to hear related cases.

Protect the legitimate rights and interests of citizens: The game virtual account often condenses the player's time, energy and money investment, and has property value. Through this study, we can promote the establishment of a legal system for the inheritance of game virtual accounts, ensure that players' virtual assets are reasonably protected in the inheritance process, and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of citizens.

Promote the healthy development of the gaming industry: A clear legal system for the inheritance of game virtual accounts can help enhance the confidence of game users and enhance the image and reputation of the gaming industry. At the same time, it provides clear legal guidance for game companies, which helps to reduce disputes, reduce legal risks, and promote the healthy development of the game industry.

Promote the advancement of legal technology: With the development of technology, the forms and types of virtual property will become more abundant. This study not only focuses on the existing inheritance of game virtual accounts, but also provides legal ideas for new virtual property inheritance issues that may arise in the future. Therefore, this research is forward-looking and leading, and will advance the advancement of legal technology.

9. Conclusions and recommendations of the study
Regarding the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China, it provides:

According to the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China, which came into effect in October 2020, individuals can enjoy the right to inherit virtual property in a legal sense. However, there are no clear provisions in the Civil Code on the specific issue of the inheritance of game virtual accounts.

International Legislation and Practice:

United States: The laws of some U.S. states recognize that game virtual property has inheritance value and can be inherited by legal heirs in accordance with the law.

South Korea: South Korea has established a record system for the transaction of game items through the Postal Service to support the transaction and inheritance of game virtual assets.

Japan: Japan's Supreme Court ruled in 2016 that game virtual property has economic value and can be inherited and transferred.

Response to special circumstances:

In view of the inheritance of game virtual accounts that require special attention due to their special

nature, it is recommended that the following aspects be considered in the formulation of legislation or norms:

Game Operator Regulations: The Game Operator may specify the relevant provisions on the inheritance of virtual accounts in the user use agreement, and stipulate whether the account can be inherited, the method of inheritance, and the certification procedures.

Ways to Obtain Inheritance: Specify a simple and effective way for gamers to assign inheritance to specific heirs while their account is in its normal state.

Remedy mechanism: It is recommended to set up an independent dispute resolution body or committee to handle disputes over the inheritance of game virtual accounts and provide remedial channels.

A. College students' cognition of the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code

At present, there are certain differences in college students' cognition of the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code. Some college students have a deeper understanding of the issue, while others do not have a relevant understanding of it.

For those college students who have a deep understanding of this issue, they may realize that game virtual accounts have become a kind of virtual property with economic interests in today's society, and with the rapid development and popularization of the game industry, the importance of virtual accounts is becoming more and more prominent. In the context of the Civil Code, virtual accounts, as a form of property, should have the rights and obligations of inheritance.

However, some college students may not know much about this issue or even simply don't realize that virtual accounts may have inherited interests. This may be related to their lack of knowledge of virtual accounts, or their lack of in-depth knowledge of the Civil Code and related laws.

In general, there are differences in college students' cognition of the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code. However, with the gradual awareness of the importance of virtual accounts and the improvement of legal awareness, it is believed that the awareness of this issue will gradually deepen.

B. How to let the people understand the inheritance of game accounts in the context of the Civil Code

In order to let the people understand the inheritance of game accounts in the context of the Civil Code, the following ways and methods can be adopted:

Strengthen legal publicity and education: Through the government, schools, social organizations and other channels, carry out relevant legal publicity and education activities, popularize the content of the Civil Code and its provisions on the inheritance of virtual accounts to the public, and increase public awareness of this issue.

Formulate and improve relevant laws and regulations: In the process of formulating and improving relevant laws and regulations, the particularity of game virtual accounts should be fully considered, the rights and obligations of their inheritance should be clearly stipulated, and the clarity and operability of legislation should be ensured to ensure that the people can exercise their inheritance rights in accordance with the law.

Provide professional consultation and legal aid: set up relevant legal consultation institutions or units to provide professional consultation and legal aid services for the people on the inheritance of game virtual accounts, answer their questions and confusions, and help them understand the legal provisions and procedures related to inheritance.

Guide media attention and reporting: Guide the media to pay attention to the issue of game virtual account inheritance, and actively report relevant cases and related legal issues, and increase public attention and awareness of this issue through media dissemination.

Strengthen public participation: Encourage the public to participate in the relevant discussion and decision-making process, such as holding forums, soliciting opinions, etc., to listen to their opinions and suggestions, so as to make the legal provisions formulated more practical and participatory to the public.

Through the comprehensive application of the above approaches and methods, the public's understanding of the inheritance of game accounts in the context of the Civil Code can be effectively improved, and the public's recognition and compliance with relevant laws and regulations can be promoted.

10. Summary

At present, there are relatively few legal research results on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code, because the implementation time of the Civil Code is relatively

short, and the research and discussion of related legal issues are still in the preliminary stage. However, some of the following results and analyses can be drawn from some studies and academic papers:

Virtual account as a property with economic value: With the emergence and development of game virtual accounts, more and more people have begun to realize that virtual accounts have economic value. Therefore, in the context of the Civil Code, virtual accounts are considered as a form of property with inherited interests and obligations.

Disputes over inheritance rights and inheritance methods: There is also controversy regarding the inheritance rights and inheritance methods of virtual accounts. Some researchers argue that virtual accounts should be explicitly designated by the right holder in the will or property division agreement, while others argue that virtual accounts can be inherited in traditional inheritance methods, such as testamentary succession and statutory succession.

Limitations of judicial practice: At present, judicial practice has relatively little treatment of the inheritance of game virtual accounts, which may lead to certain uncertainties in the application and interpretation of relevant legal provisions. Some judges may exercise discretion on a case-by-case basis, lacking uniform precedents and guidance.

Preventive measures and platform standardization: Some studies have put forward suggestions for preventive measures and platform standardization for the inheritance of virtual accounts. For example, game operators can manage virtual accounts under a real-name system, and establish inheritance rules and service mechanisms to ensure that the rights and interests of game virtual accounts are protected.

The current research of the project team and the above results and analysis are only the current research situation, with the passage of time and further research work, the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts in the context of the Civil Code will be further enriched and deepened.

In the context of the Civil Code, the legal research on the inheritance of virtual game accounts is a complex and important issue. This article analyzes the concept, characteristics, classification, and legal basis for inheritance of game virtual accounts, and draws the following conclusions:

Game virtual account is a form of online virtual property that has characteristics such as virtuality, value, and dependence. In the game, the player's virtual assets such as characters, equipment, and coins

constitute an important part of the game's virtual account.

According to the provisions of the Civil Code, natural persons enjoy legal property rights, including virtual property on the internet. Therefore, the inheritance of game virtual accounts should be protected by law. However, due to the special nature of game virtual accounts, their inheritance issues involve some special issues, such as the ownership of accounts, the identification of inheritors, and the realization of inheritance rights.

In the issue of virtual account inheritance in games, it is necessary to clarify the ownership of the account and protect the legitimate rights and interests of players. At the same time, a sound system for identifying heirs should be established to ensure their legal identity. Finally, it is necessary to improve the implementation mechanism of inheritance rights and protect the legitimate rights and interests of heirs.

In order to improve the legal system of virtual account inheritance in games, this article proposes the following suggestions:

Develop specialized regulations for the management of network virtual property, clarify the definition, scope, and rights protection rules of network virtual property. On this basis, special provisions are made for the inheritance of virtual game accounts, clarifying the conditions, procedures, rights and obligations of inheritance.

Establish a network virtual property registration system and implement real name management for game virtual accounts. Through the registration

system, the ownership of the account can be clearly defined, avoiding disputes caused by account transfer, loss, and other reasons.

Establish a network virtual property evaluation mechanism to conduct a reasonable evaluation of the value of game virtual accounts. In the evaluation process, factors such as the actual value of virtual assets in the account and market demand should be considered to protect the legitimate rights and interests of the heir.

Strengthen the sense of responsibility of game operators and require them to provide necessary assistance and guidance on the inheritance of virtual game accounts. At the same time, it is necessary to strengthen the supervision of game operators to prevent losses to players caused by improper behavior of operators.

Enhance public awareness and legal awareness of virtual property on the internet. By strengthening publicity and education, players can understand the rights and obligations of game virtual accounts, and use and protect their online virtual assets reasonably.

In summary, in the context of the Civil Code, the legal research on the inheritance of game virtual accounts has important practical significance. By improving relevant laws, regulations, and institutional construction, the legitimate rights and interests of players can be protected, and the healthy development of online games can be promoted. Meanwhile, strengthening regulatory efforts and raising public awareness are also important ways to achieve this goal.