

The aim of this diploma thesis, *“Notary in the Legal Order of the Czech Republic”* is to provide clear and comprehensive information on the status of notaries (also known as “notaries public” or “public notaries”) and notarial activities within the Czech Republic. Given that notaries represent one of the most important and respected legal professions, I consider it appropriate to focus increased attention on them.

The thesis is divided into nine main parts. In the first part, the introduction, I explain why I’ve decided to address the given topic and present a brief summary of my thesis. The second part provides a short excursion into the history of the notarial practice in the Czech lands, providing the most significant legal rules governing the status of notaries and the performance of notarial activities. The third part describes the notarial practice, the assumptions for acting as a notary, the notarial authority and the notary’s office. The fourth part of the thesis – the most fundamental – specifies, in general, notarial activities and their basic principles and focuses on specific notarial acts, particularly the drawing up of notarial deeds – official records of legal acts, the verification of legally important facts and statements, the policy of notarial deposits and, last but not least, the notary’s role as a court commissioner in the context of inheritance proceedings. The fifth part is closely linked to the fourth part, as it deals with the remuneration and compensation of notaries. The sixth part is dedicated to the issue of notarial self-administration and supervision over individual notaries and notarial chambers. The seventh part looks at notarial liability – when is a notary held liable for damage and when does liability for damage arise to the state, as well as at compulsory professional indemnity insurance for notaries and their disciplinary liability. The eighth part summarises the impact of the new personal data protection legislation on notaries and their activities. The ninth part contemplates the potential future development of the practice of Czech notaries. The final part addresses a topical issue related to the profession of Czech notaries and its possible solution, summarises the entire contents of the thesis and identifies the relevant information resources for the thesis process.

The contribution of this thesis mostly rests on its clear and comprehensive description of the issue at hand and on its discourse on the impact of the GDPR on notaries, as this topic has not been addressed in detail until now.