Lobbing – economic and legal aspects

Abstract

This thesis sets to explore lobbying from an economic and juridical standpoint. The main objective is to analyse various methods of regulating lobbying. The analysis is focused on the legal framework for lobbying and its wider implication for the society. It also aims to answer further questions: what lobbying methods are being practiced, who the key players are and what economic and juridical tools are available for the regulation of lobbying. In order to address the last of these questions, it was essential to explore both the latest and historical legal alterations of lobbying. The author also focuses on the juridical and economic consequences derived from the latest lobbying laws and regulation abroad and impacts of the juridical and economic tools that are currently in use. This thesis further explores the current juridical state of lobbying within the Czech Republic and its potential development. All of these materials are analysed in order to identify which methods and tools are ideal to establish the right regulatory conditions for lobbying in the Czech Republic and which methods and tools should be avoided.

The thesis is divided into 9 sections, starting with a basic explanation of the lobbying fundamentals. The second section is dedicated to the historical origin of lobbying and its development. The fourth and the fifth section both carry on by exploring lobbying in practice: the presumptions for carrying out lobbying, its benefits, different types of lobbyists and their roles. The sixth section analyses the economic impacts of lobbying and possible outcomes of the newly adopted juridical regulations. The final 3 chapters conclude this whole thesis by discussing the possible future regulation of lobbying from a legal point of view and the economic and juridical tools required to achieve the ideal outcome. These tools are reviewed using both juridical and legislative theory and by looking at their application in practice in selected foreign countries.