

Domestic violence in the Czech Republic and Poland - comparative study

Abstract

The following thesis deals with the topic of the domestic violence especially from the point of view of substantive law. The thesis compares the legislation in the Czech Republic and Poland. The aim of the thesis is to find out how the legislators of those two countries can inspire each other and what are the differences in the legislations of those two countries. The topic of the domestic violence is still very current and therefore I think it is very important to seek for new ways how to fight the problem. In my opinion it is possible to find new solutions by having look into the legislation of another country.

The thesis consists of five chapters. The first chapter explains the concept of the domestic violence its features and forms. It also says how the phenomenon of the domestic violence is perceived by the people in those two countries. The myths and the stereotypes concerning the issue are also mentioned.

The second chapter deals with the personality of the perpetrator and the victim. This chapter tries to find out the answer to the question if there are any dispositions to become a perpetrator or the victim of the domestic violence. The most endangered groups of people are also mentioned.

The third chapter is the crucial chapter of the whole thesis. It deals with the facts of the case of the criminal acts and its comparison in both Czech and Polish legal systems. Because of the fact that the domestic violence is not the issue that can be subordinate under one regulation there are more facts of the case which are concerned. The third part deals with the comparison, analysis and the evaluation of the criminal codes of those two countries.

The fourth chapter deals with the most important procedural institutes connected with the domestic violence. The criminal and the civil institutes are mentioned. Other ways how to protect victims from the domestic violence are also introduced.

The last chapter is the summary of the differences in Czech and Polish legal orders. It also says what can be the inspiration to improve the situation. It also provides the summary of the most important findings of this thesis.