

Abstract

Copyrighted work on the Internet (liability of parties, enforcement of copyrights)

The topic of this thesis is the legal regulation and protection of copyrighted works on the Internet with a focus on liability relations and subsequent copyright enforcement. The main purpose of this thesis is to analyze the relevant legislation, including EU legislation, and provide insight into this rapidly evolving topic.

The thesis is divided into six chapters. The general part of the thesis, which consists of the first three chapters, defines the basic institutes and concepts that are related to the topic. The first chapter introduces the principles and characteristics of copyright and defines its main subject – the copyrighted work, including the various types of copyrighted works and ways of their use. The second chapter focuses on the Internet, both from a technical and legal point of view. The third chapter analyzes in more detail the individual entities that operate on the Internet. Particular attention is paid to the ISPs (Internet service providers), who have a significant influence in determining liability and copyright enforcement.

The theoretical foundations are followed by the fourth chapter, which examines the specifics of the use of the copyrighted work on the Internet. This chapter presents the various ways of using the copyrighted work on the Internet (i.e. uploading, downloading, browsing, caching and linking) and their systematic classification under the institutes of copyright law.

The core of this thesis is the fifth chapter, which analyzes the responsibilities of individual entities on the Internet and copyright enforcement. This chapter describes liability under civil law, criminal law and administrative law. The emphasis is on the analysis of the regulation of ISP's liability, which is affected by the safe harbour regime.

With regard to the international significance of the topic, the last chapter is devoted to the current development of EU legislation, especially the much-discussed Directive on copyright in the Digital Single Market and its implementation into the legal systems of EU member states. In the conclusion are proposed possible solutions to some problematic aspects of the current regulation of copyright protection on the Internet.

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