

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis is focused on a comprehensive analysis of criminal proceedings against legal entities using Act No. 141/1961 Coll., On Criminal Procedure (Criminal Procedure Code) in combination with Act No. 418/2011 Coll., On Criminal Liability of Legal Entities and Proceedings against them. The adoption of Act No. 418/2011 Coll., On Criminal Liability of Legal Entities and Proceedings against them, introduced criminal liability of legal entities into the legal order of the Czech Republic since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 but the institute of criminal liability of legal entities is constantly evolving to respond to the needs of society.

The diploma thesis is conceived from a procedural point of view with the current use of the substantive bases of the issue of criminal liability of legal entities. The thesis further explains important terms and outlines the development of criminal liability of legal entities in the Czech Republic. The aim of the thesis is to provide a comprehensive view of phases of criminal proceedings against legal entities and to evaluate selected problematic aspects of the legal regulation which are accordance with the interpretation of the professional public and with the developing jurisprudence of the domestic courts.

The thesis is divided into five chapters. The first three are chapters of a general nature, including explanations of terms and substantive basis of theme, historical development of the Institute of Criminal Liability of Legal Entities in the Czech Republic and sources of criminal proceedings against legal entities. The remaining chapters are focused on the procedural regulation of criminal liability of legal entities and are systematically arranged according to Act No. 141/1961 on Criminal Procedure (Criminal Procedure Code), in combination with Act No. 418/2011 Coll., On Criminal Liability of Legal Entities and Proceedings against them.

The conclusion of the thesis is devoted to evaluation of problematic aspects of criminal liability of legal persons and author's opinion on these aspects.