

## **Abstract**

This diploma thesis entitled "The relationship between law and morality in legal films" deals with an unusual topic written by a law student. However, legal films are being used by some teachers at law faculties to make the teaching of law more attractive. Films can also help them bring the law closer to the young generation. In this diploma thesis, law, morality and their relationship, which in filmography is most often reflected in characters of film lawyers, are viewed through legal films. The author focuses not only on how the relationship between law and morality is portrayed in legal films, but especially on how it is presented in the political and historical context of our country. Therefore, the diploma thesis is subtitled "Selected Czech and Czechoslovak legal films in the shadow of the history of our country from the 50s' of the 20th century to the present."

In the first chapter, the author introduces the term "legal film" and its division into individual groups. The author also explains their meaning. The second chapter briefly discusses the concept of "law" and "morality" and how their relationship can look like not limited to legal films. The third chapter is devoted to the main characters of legal films, lawyers and their morals, including professional legal ethics, which is closely related to morality.

The whole text is filled with references to Czech and Czechoslovak legal films, the list of which the author offers in the appendix to this diploma thesis. In the fourth chapter the author analytically focuses on four of them in more detail. The author has divided the period of our history since the 1950s' into four sections corresponding to the constitutional evolution of our country, in order to describe some of the values and situations that characterized morality and law and compare them with those shown by legal films made at chosen eras. The author also focuses on the position and morality of lawyers in described periods of our history as well as on their film counterparts.

## **Key words**

law and morality, relationship between law and morality, legal films