

Abstract and keywords

Legal protection of databases in the Czech Republic and in the United States

This rigorous work analyses the legal protection of databases in the Czech Republic, as well as in the European Union and the United States. It comprehensively summarizes the regulation of database protection in these legal environments. The first part is devoted to the explanation of the concept of database and the possible division of databases to ensure a comprehensive understanding of database issues. The next part deals with international regulations and its development. The most important legislation in the database law in the Czech Republic is the one from the European Union level, which has unified the central copyright protection of databases. The work therefore discusses in detail the circumstances of the adoption of this legislation, its transposition into the national regulations of the Member States, the legislation itself and its individual instruments. This part addresses the use of the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the courts of the Member States. This section offers overview of the evaluation of this legislation by the European Commission. Within this part, a section is devoted to the unique protection of databases through the institute of database modifications. This protection is often referred to as protection *sui generis*. Furthermore, the work deals with the legal environment of the Czech Republic. In this part possible legal regimes of database creation are described, these are very important for determination who acquires individual rights to the database, possible restrictions on legal protection of databases and at the end of this section it discusses the possible alternative options for legal protection of databases. Next part of the work is devoted to the reduction of legal protection of databases in the United States, where database protection has developed in a different direction. This section discusses the Anglo-American concept of copyright, the concept of legal protection of databases in the United States of America and legislative proposals for the protection *sui generis*. The final part of the work is devoted to a comparison of legislation in the Czech Republic, the EU and the United States of America and then considers *de lege ferenda* from the perspective of insufficient current legislation and possible legislation changes in the future.

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