

Selected aspects of juvenile sanctioning

Abstract

The rigorous thesis deals with the sanctioning of juvenile offenders. Its aim is not to provide a comprehensive analysis of the criminal liability and sanctioning of juveniles, but rather to focus on selected aspects of this issue. The author highlights gaps in the legal regulation and simultaneously presents proposals de lege ferenda.

The first part of the thesis is dedicated to the historical development of approaches to juvenile delinquency and describes various judicial models that have influenced the evolution of juvenile sanctioning to its present form. This part also analyzes how views on this issue have changed throughout history and how the historical context has shaped current legal approaches to juvenile delinquency. The second part of the thesis examines Act No. 218/2003 Coll., on Juvenile Liability for Unlawful Acts and on Juvenile Justice, and on Amendments to Certain Acts (the Juvenile Justice Act) ("**ZSVM**"), outlining its basic principles, including the concept of restorative justice. The author also analyzes how these principles are reflected in the sanctioning system contained in the ZSVM. Furthermore, attention is given to the system of sanctions under the ZSVM and related de lege ferenda proposals. In the third part of the thesis, the author explores diversions and other alternative solutions to juvenile crime. The author also examines juvenile delinquency from a criminological perspective, discussing its most common causes from the viewpoint of developmental criminology. This criminological section of the thesis also addresses the types of juvenile offenders. The author attempts to identify the specific traits that characterize criminal behavior in this age group and points out factors that may influence their conduct. The final part of the thesis focuses on the effectiveness of sanctioning juveniles. In this concluding chapter, selected programs that have historically aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency and their evaluations are discussed. Based on this evaluation, the author offers suggestions regarding the future direction of ensuring the effectiveness of juvenile sanctions.

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