

SUMMARY

The aim of this Diploma thesis named „The Tasks of Probation and Mediation Service in Serving Alternative Sentences“ is to analyze the role of the Probation and Mediation Service in Czech Republic, especially in serving alternative sentences, to describe its legal regulation in Czech Republic and problems of serving its tasks in practice.

Probation and Mediation Service is a component of a new applying principle of restorative justice and provides support enforcement of alternative punishments. These activities have had tradition for many decades in other countries. In the Czech legal system PMS is relative new institution. The Probation and Mediation Service is implemented to the Czech legislature by legal act number 257/2000 Collection.

The thesis is composed of nine chapters, each of them dealing with different aspects of PMS and its activities.

The role and activities of PMS are based on the principles of the restorative justice. Therefore, the second chapter of my thesis contains the definition of the notion of the restorative justice, explains its characteristic features and differences between its conception and the conception of retributive justice. Third chapter explicates the main activity of PMS, the probation. Chapter Four concentrates on PMS, its organization and principles, the duties of probational officers and assistants, the activities of probation and mediation services and cooperation with other institutions. Chapter five shows particular tasks of PMS. Chapter six represents the cardinal part of the thesis. This chapter describes the role of PMS during the serving of the compulsory work and conditional sentence under supervision. New punishments, established by legal act number 40/2009 Collection, are mentioned here too. Comparison with the French system of probation and mediation services can be founded in the chapter seven. Chapter eight analyzes last five years experiences with the PMS activities. Conclusions are drawn in chapter nine.

At present time Probation and Mediation Service has its particular position in