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The subject matter of this thesis are costs which arise in the course of civil proceedings in general and, in particular, concrete costs arising on the part of specific participants in the course of the proceedings. In addition, the aim of the thesis is to focus on the issues bringing difficulties in practice, identify controversial cost allocation criteria and generally draw attention to the problems in decision-making processes concerning costs of civil proceedings and, predominantly, the reimbursement of such costs. The initial part of this thesis provides an overview and description of various types of civil proceedings costs. Following is a chapter on differences between requirements for payment of the costs and reimbursement of the respective costs. The main chapter of this thesis, then, deals with the reimbursement of costs, decision-making process in adjudicating the reimbursement of costs, the nature of such decision-making process and availability of procedural defences in this regard. The following chapter disserts on exemptions from court fees and the availability of legal assistance in the proceedings. The thesis also addresses certain delicate aspects of civil proceedings costs in the context of availability of judicial protection and principles and purposes of civil procedures. The next part of the thesis is devoted to legal assistance and its availability to those who can not afford to pay legal counsel and, specifically, its intention is to draw attention to the disharmonious situation in the Czech Republic, where legal assistance is, in part, provided by a professional self-governing body, the Czech Bar Association (“Česká advokátní komora”), despite that legal assistance to those who can not afford paid legal counsel is, in fact, the role of the state. At the conclusion of this thesis, I submit my view on the ambiguity and intricacy of pertinent legal regulations, primarily from the perspective of view of a layman, i.e. an ordinary person facing such complex issues. I also address, as a serious problem, the unsettled judicature (i.e. varying judicial decisions concerning the issues of costs) and overall depreciation of the matter. Above all, I emphasize the deficiencies of legal regulations and availability of proposed solutions, e.g. in cases of costs incurred in the proceedings as a result of an error on the part of the court, or

availability of remedies in case of legal disputes of marginal value. I further stress the importance of compliance with the principles of economy of proceedings, primarily on the part of professionals, attorneys at law. Accordingly, I also alert the reader to conduct, which appears to be in conflict with the rules of ethics and proper morality.