

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to represent in detail one of the fundamental principles of the Czech criminal procedure, the principle of free evaluation of evidence. At first the thesis deals with theoretical aspects of this principle, since they are almost unavailable in the modern literature. The author afterwards analyses the extensive judicature of Czech courts (including the Constitutional court) related to general issues of evaluation of evidence as well as to particular means of proof. The thesis also contains proposals of legislative changes, as the legal regulation of criminal procedure seems to be no longer satisfactory.