

Abstract

The reason for choosing The Position and Legal Protection of Aggrieved Party in Criminal Proceedings as my thesis subject, is because of its timeliness from the perspective of international as well as national law, in particular the ongoing process of modification of criminal procedural law.

The work is to describe the current status of aggrieved party legislation in criminal proceedings with regards to substantiate the intent of the forthcoming criminal procedures and to point out its shortcomings, and to suggest possible solutions.

The Introductory chapter is devoted to international, European and national legislation as to the source of the aggrieved party.

The second chapter is devoted to legal definition of aggrieved party under the current criminal procedure code.

The third chapter is dedicated to the procedural rights of two groups of aggrieved – aggrieved that have right to raise claims for damages in criminal proceedings and aggrieved who do not have that right, and the discrepancies between the rights of these entities and the rights of the accused.

The fourth chapter specifies the position of the aggrieved party in various stages of criminal proceedings, from preliminary stage to appeal.

The final part summarizes the possibilities of improving current legislation with regards to the expected changes that would be brought by re-codification of the criminal procedural law.