

## **Abstract**

Diploma thesis called *The Role of the media in shaping public opinion on the course of criminal proceedings* deals with the issue which lies on the border between legal and media science. Its aim is to explain the relationship between these two areas on the basis of criminal proceedings, both in theory and practice using real criminal cases. Diploma thesis primarily deals with the legal base of the media and its relationship to some important principles of criminal law, namely the principle of presumption of innocence and the principle of public prosecutions. The principle of presumption of innocence and its violation affects the personal rights of offended person, so this work is also focused on comments relating to the personality protection against unauthorized interference which may occur in the context of criminal proceedings, both by the authorities involved in criminal proceedings as well as from the media. For the media sector there are some typical legal institutes correcting such interference which are presented in this thesis as well. As already mentioned, the thesis has practical dimension within which there are four essential criminal cases of 2015 examined through different media platforms that informed about these cases. The final section summarizes the findings which were achieved in the course of the thesis, emphasizing the core conclusions about the relationship between media and criminal procedure and its impact on public opinion in contemporary society.