

In my work I am concerned with the problems of heritage titles and setting of heirship related to it. The introduction is addressed to the basic terms and sources of heirship. The work is classified in chronological sequences from set-up of heirship in the past, beginning with the General Civil Code, followed by the present current setting up to the future sight with a view to the new Codex of Civil Law.

After the introduction, in the second section, I concentrate on the Austrian General Civil Code, where I tried to draw out its fundamental meaning and heritage for the future focused on inheritance according to the last wills and legal heir succession but also on the other heir institutions, such as a former heir agreement, heritage and testamentary gift in case of death. Within the frame of the second section I continue by the setting of the Civil Code from 1950 which touched the development of the civil law in our country in a principal form. Further I deal with the Civil Code from 1964, its original version limited in larger scale devisor's purchase freedom, it divided the legal heir succession into only three heir groups and formed only two heir titles, namely the law and the testament. Then I follow with the other parts which analyse novels of the Civil Code made in 1983 and after the comunism collapse in 1990s.

The third section is the main part of my work and describes two basic and at present in our legal regulations valid heir titles. I place above the law chronology the intestate succession and testamentary succession in the first place. In the part concerning the testament I clear up its essentials, validity, particular forms of the last will and further related questions, e.g. demands put on witnesses of the last will, further officials, impermissibility of the last will specifications, rights of offsprings and disinheritance. The statutory heirdom is then set up in the second part of this section where I describe in details four heir groups and heritors who are qualified to obtain the heritage in each of heir groups.

In the conclusion of my work I pay attention to set-up of heirship, especially after the set-up of heir titles de lege ferenda in the presentation of the new Civil Code.

2. 8. I describe particular heir titles in details which the new Civil Code is going to set up. These are the last will, the heir agreement and the statutory heirship.

I gathered information for my work from the vast literature material beginning with basic textbooks of civil law, followed by annotated civil law books, by-laws, court judicature, lectures of the notable specialists of this juridical sphere up to my own personal experience with this problem which I concentrate on during my draughtman practice