

## **Thesis abstract**

### **Matter of Inheritance in Private and Public Law.**

Law of inheritance is one of the most important areas of proprietary laws, which proves the fact, that the inheritance regulation in the form of hereditary rights (legal succession and testamentary succession), has already been regulated in Roman law. Death of a person as a family member, pertinently a testator, represents for the descendants a sad and grieving event in most cases, despite the fact it belong to inevitable natural rules. In regards to the fact that every single person is bound to set up for his last journey, the inheritance matter has always been and always will be a topical issue regardless the fact of the testator leaving or not leaving any property. Inheritance legal regulation has undergone a long development under continuous relevant attention of the society. In times when law was not in writing, there were the customs replacing it, later on the first codifications and other newer and newer legal regulations that kept changing and improving. This trend has continued up to this date. Evolution of inheritance law in the form of new legal regulations has not stopped and crosses the borders of the Czech Republic.

The thesis deals with this matter in historical context of inheritance law, not only during the Middle Ages and a period of the issue of Austrian Common Civil Code but also in each of the modern periods. The part of the dealt issue covers not only area relating to substantive and procedural law but also the regulation of inheritance and criminal law. There is also important to get familiar with a legal regulation of inheritance in the Slovak Republic. The Czech Republic accession to the European Union has brought the given matter also into a European context. By its influence there have arisen new situations and relations that need a relevant legal regulation. This regulation comes in the form of various European treaties, directives and guidelines, there are new international agreements being concluded reacting to the need of unifying court authorities procedures when solving the individual cases on international level.

Despite a hard effort to improve the current state of inheritance law, which brings the results, this effort is nowhere close to the end. Searching for the new and better ways of solving the inheritance issues supports the preparation of a new amendment to the Civil Code and as well as the activity of European legislation bodies reacting not only to the development in Europe but in the entire world.

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