

## **Defence counsel in criminal proceedings**

Criminal law was always my favourite subject at Law faculty and that is the reason, why i choose this topic at first. Because in this moment, I am still just student, and I don't have any personal experience with criminal proceedings, I have to search information largely from specialized publications and sentences od Czech courts.

In the begining, i mentioned right of defence and international agreements, where is this right based and described how important is this right for criminal proceedings and for the defendant espacially. I wanted to show consequences of this right and Czech penal code as well. In my opinion, it was necessary to start with right of defence, because position of defence counsel in criminal proceedings in many thing depends on person of defendant.

In next parts, I was paying attention to person of defence counsel, and especially conditions, which are necessary to his profession. Most important condition in general is that defence counsel has to have passed advocate exams and he has to be registered in list of advocates in Czech republic. Then I was describing his rights and duties to defendant, I mentioned for example his duty of descreetness, his duty to pay attention and behavior by wishis of his client and many others.

I was try to divide the rights and duties of advocate according to each phase of criminal proceedings and show them on specific parts of Czech penal code. In the end of this thesis, I summarized all informations, which I gathered during creating thesis, and I tried to formulate my own opinion on state of present legal regulation of defence counsel. I think, that according to facts, Czech penal code provides good protection of right of defence and wide scale rights of defence counsel as well.