

## Summary (Abstract in English)

This thesis deals with certain question of criminal liability in the case of legal entities, which presents a recent phenomenon in Czech legal setting.

The most important reason for working on this subject was my interest in the area of criminal law. In this context, the new law on criminal liability of legal persons constituted an ideal subject for processing, which would allow me deeper acquaintance with the problems about this important topic.

In the Chapter One the work describes genesis of a newly adopted law in Czech republic and in the next Chapter Two compares it with another bill, which was proposed and promptly rejected by the Parliament in the first reading in 2004. It goes on to analyse the question of presidential veto and its consequences.

The Chapter Three, about the main lines of argumentation is subdivided into two parts. Part One describes the main lines of argumentation used by proponents of this new law, including a range of examples from the area of environment protection. Part Two deals with the main lines of argumentation used by adversaries of this new law.

The Chapter Four describes the importance of the selected institutes of the law on criminal liability of legal entities. The work's focal point lies in the analysis of key elements of Czech law in the area, especially question of catalogue of criminal acts, accountability, succession and sentencing.

Then, in Chapter Five it compares Czech legal framework of this issue with those of other countries, especially Slovakia, Austria and France, whereas the comparison included criminal and quasi-criminal liability under criminal and administrative law.

To the end, the thesis is concluded by a reflection *de lege ferenda*, considering possible enlargement the listing of criminal acts that a legal personality is criminally liable, taking into account all criminal acts according the special part of the criminal law.