

## **Abstract**

The aim of this thesis is to provide complex and where possible the most up-to-date view on industrial property protection in international law. Relevant international documents are discussed in detail and even emerging issues and future development in the field of industrial property haven't been forgotten.

The first chapter is introductory and aims to highlight the importance of industrial property these days. Therefore it presents lot of statistical data.

In the second chapter some practical, historical and law-philosophical roots of intellectual property protection and its international aspect are briefly mentioned.

The term "industrial property" itself is presented and explained in the third chapter. The first part tries to give a universal definition, while the second part of the chapter involves analyzing the texts of chosen international treaties, which mostly define industrial property by enumeration.

The Fourth chapter is dedicated to the most historically significant documents in the field of industrial property - Paris Convention and TRIPS Agreement - and it focuses on their contained principles.

International organizations and their role in the system of intellectual or more precisely industrial property represent the topic of the fifth chapter.

The following chapters 6-14 concentrate on the individual objects of industrial property protection, related international treaties and current issues. Specifically on inventions, utility models, designs, layout designs, plant varieties, trademarks, appellations of origin and geographical indications, trade names, trade secrets and know-how.

In today's globalized world an effective system of international intellectual property is absolutely indispensable. However, it's necessary for it to keep its balance and to provide benefits to all involved subjects, such as businessmen and consumers, developed and developing countries, and finally the whole society - they all have to profit from it.