Abstract

The purpose of this thesis is to analyse the issue of causation in personal injury claims. The reason for my research is the fact that there have been an increasing numbers of cases where injured persons asked for some kind of compensation in the past years. The problem of causation is the most crucial and sensitive in such conflict.

This thesis consists four chapters, each of them dealing with different aspects of causation in compensation for personal injury claims. Chapter one introduces the problem of damages for personal injury and other basic areas of compensation.

Chapter two concentrates on the causation from the theoretical point of view. This chapter deals with some definitions of causation, explains its understanding abroad, presents theories that help us to prove, whether or not causation and causal relation exist, and it looks at special types of causation and describes when causal chain is broken.

Chapter three is dedicated to questions of proving the causation. There are explained questions about lege artis procedure, the loss of chance concept and the no fault compensation system.

Chapter four describes how causation is adjusted in the new Civil Code and in suggestions of European tort law codes.

The main aim of the thesis is to describe the problem of causation from different points of view and to help to better understanding of this phenomenon.