Abstract

In my thesis I analyse the law surrounding the ".eu" domain and I compare the legal regime of the ".eu" domain with the other TLDs.

My thesis is divided into four parts. The first part is devoted to the technical structure and general legal nature of domains. I analyze further, which legal relationships can arise with connection to domains.

In the second part I focus on the domain ".eu", particularly on it's legal regulation, the registration process and related legal relationships.

In the last two parts I concentrate mainly on domain disputes. In the third part I focus on the relationship and collision of domain names with trademarks and unfair competition. I also analyze the connection between general domains and unfair competition.

The fourth part is devoted to alternative dispute resolution of the domain ".eu", i.e. ADR proceeding and decisions of Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic.

The main conclusion that I have made is that the ".eu" domain is the only domain, which is regulated by law and by ADR decisions. That provides for ".eu" domain holders more secure and steady regime compared to the other TLDs.