

This master's thesis deals mainly with the interface between patent law and competition law.

The main objective is to provide the reader with a complex patent law overview and explanation of basic concepts related to intellectual property law, with a pivotal focus on patent law. In order to do so, author examines how national legislation contained primarily in Act no. 527/1990 Coll., On Inventions and Rationalization Proposals, as amended works and then analyzes Paris Convention and other treaties, which still remain to be the cornerstone of the international law.

After introduction to a patent protection there are examined three of the most significant patent systems in the world – European Union, United States of America and Japan and their respective approaches to patent protection.

In addition to exploring limits of a patent rights protection, there are explained doctrines relating to intellectual property rights, with closer attention to patents. Another objective of the work is the analysis of patent law's interface with the competition law.

As part of this examination there is paid attention mainly to the abuse of a dominant position through the exercise of patent rights, essential facilities doctrine and FRAND licensing.

In conclusion, the author tries to critically assess what the current problems of patent law are, and briefly comments on what should be the desirable direction of a future development in this area of law.