Abstract

This thesis is focused on the proceedings on the administrative offenses of artificial persons in the first instance, particularly on the peculiarities resulting from the nature of the proceedings, the subject of which is a criminal charge in the meaning of Art. 6 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and the accused person that is a fictitious artificial person. The thesis is divided into eight chapters.

The first chapter deals with differences between the administrative and the court offenses, their classification and subsuming under the term "criminal charge" pursuant to Art. 6 of the Convention as interpreted by the European Court of Human Rights and national courts. In the second chapter, author provides insight into the principles of administrative law and administrative proceedings which are in each case interpreted in the light of the proceedings on administrative offence of the artificial person; attention is also paid to appropriate and necessary modifications of the principles. At the end of this chapter, the principles primarily applied with regard to criminal procedural law are analyzed. These principles must be applied per analogiam within the proceedings on administrative offence due to their absence in the Administrative Code. In the third chapter, author focuses on the administrative bodies and their jurisdiction and also on possible disqualification of persons authorized to act on behalf of the administrative bodies. Furthermore, the author characterizes the accused persons, their capacity to participate in the proceedings, legal succession, procedural capacity to act and their representation.

From the fourth to the seventh chapter is presented chronological analysis of the administrative proceedings, from before-trial stage, initiation, particular procedure institutes, and the first instance decision. Currently, the government is preparing a bill on liability for misdemeanors and proceedings on them (the Act on Misdemeanors), which is recently in the interdepartmental comment procedure and some of the interesting provisions are briefly discussed in the last, eighth chapter.