

Abstract

The main objective of this rigorous thesis is to provide a comprehensive overview of applying the principle of concentration of proceedings in civil adversary proceedings. At the beginning of the work, the relationship is discussed between the principle of concentration of proceedings and the right to a fair trial or, more precisely, its basic attribute, the right of every person to have their case heard, within a reasonable period of time and by an independent and impartial court, as well as development of the principle of concentration of proceedings and its application in legal regulations valid in the territory of the Czech Republic in the past. The focal point of the rigorous thesis is focused on the issue area of the principle of concentration of proceedings in the applicable and effective Civil Procedure Code. The thesis also aims to introduce the individual procedural provisions that are subject to the concentration of proceedings and to discuss the problems associated with their interpretation and application, to determine their mutual relationship and to summarize them as a comprehensive system created by the principle of concentration of proceedings in our legal order.

Separate chapters of the thesis deal with the courts' duty to advise and with exceptions from the concentration of proceedings, i.e. with facts and evidence not affected by the principle of concentration of proceedings. The rigorous thesis also mentions some other component issue areas related to the concentration of proceedings, particularly the influence of the concentration of proceedings on the raised plea of limitation, on modification of action, on joining by or substitution of the parties to the proceedings, and, last but not least, application of the concentration of proceedings in special types of proceedings, namely in proceedings for issuance of a bill (cheque) payment order and in proceedings provided for in the part 5 of the Civil Procedure Code. The conclusion includes a more detailed analysis of certain procedural institutes related to the concentration of proceedings and their application in the course of civil proceedings together with the associated considerations and proposals for amendment of civil proceedings in the Czech Republic *de lege ferenda*.