

## Abstract

The purpose of my thesis is to point out the increase of the amount of the petty cases, to analyze its reasons, to describe the development of the relevant legislation and case law and to deal with some main legal arguments related to the issue of the reimbursement of the costs of proceedings in petty cases. The reason for my research is mainly its topicality and rapid evolution in a few past years. The boom of the mass claim recovery realized by the specialized „debt companies“ was the reason of the legislative amendments and led to the ground-breaking decisions of the Constitutional Court, which resulted in the repeal of the regulation No. 484/2000 Coll.

The thesis is composed of the introduction, four chapters and conclusion. The introduction is focused on the reasons of my choice of the topic and on the definition of the specific kind of petty cases my thesis is related to.

Chapter Two provides the general overview of the institute of reimbursement of costs of proceedings, examines the varieties of the costs of proceedings, explicates the general principles the reimbursement of costs of proceedings is based on, explores the remedies and deals with the reimbursement of costs of enforcement proceedings.

Chapter Three describes the growing amount of the petty cases, analyzes its reasons and reviews the case law development, regulation No. 484/2000 Coll. and regulation No. 177/1996 Coll. The last subchapter outlines the recent legislative development.

Chapter Four gives the constitutional law overview, discusses the arguments that appeared especially in Constitutional Court case law and surveys the arguments that were omitted, such as legitimate expectation and the proportionality principle.

Chapter Five deals with the topic of the effectiveness of the legal representation and shows the imperfection of the method the reimbursement of costs of proceedings in petty cases is being determined.

Conclusions are drawn in the last chapter. Based on the introduced facts I suggest that the law amendments are needed and that it is necessary to think about the concept and philosophy of the mass claim recovery.

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