

Abstract

Title: Bribery and its topical problems

This diploma thesis is mainly focused on bribery, its topical problems and their possible solutions for the future. The text is divided into six chapters.

The opening chapter deals with the definition of corruption which is a very extensive term. It also clarifies its relation to bribery which is essential for clarity and coherence of this thesis as these two terms are often interchanged.

The second chapter focuses on demonstrating the severity of this criminality by pointing out selected criminological aspects of corruption, specifically the extent of corruption and the causes of corruption in general.

The following chapter is dedicated to the legal regulations of bribery in the substantive criminal law. The attention is paid to fundamental terminology such as bribe, public official, the concept of general interest and elements of relevant criminal offences.

The thesis would not be complete without a description of the procedural part. Therefore, the fourth chapter illustrates the actual problems of the Police, public prosecution system and court system and the need for the establishment of special departments dealing with corruption.

The fifth chapter describes legal instruments that support successful detection and proving of bribery. It contains an explanation of not only the institutes of criminal procedure, but also the provisions of police law which is extremely important for the effective fight against bribery.

The final part deals with my own suggestions *de lege ferenda* and thoughts on the current problems connected with the institutes that could be beneficial for effective detection and investigation of bribery and that could also have a considerable preventive effect. Furthermore, the final chapter illustrates my opinions on the defence of effective regret for bribery, controversial agent provocateur and employment integrity testing. It also highlights some weak points in the legal regulation of the co-operative defendant.