

## **Abstrakt**

In my thesis I focus on the position of the defence counsel at a criminal trial, which is considered the most important stage of the criminal proceedings, since it is decided on the guilt or innocence of the defendant and possible punishment. I refer to the current relevant legislation, evaluate it, and at some points compare with the previous legislation. In the text, I emphasize the important role of the relationship between the defence counsel and his client, ideally based on mutual trust. I mention the vital role properly chosen tactics of the defense in criminal proceedings, targeted so that in relation to the accused have been as successful as possible.

It also deals with the issue of the defence counsel prior to the commencement of the criminal trial itself, where I point out that the defence should not be idle, but already at this stage have carry out activities to achieve the defendants best interest. Further in the thesis I mention when and under what circumstances a defence counsel appears for the client in the criminal trial, how he suggests the best way to present evidence and question witnesses and experts. Furthermore, the focus on the conclusion of the criminal trial, in particular, how the defence counsel should lead to his final speech

The criminal trial ends with the verdict and points out the possibility of considering an appeal, where to waive the right to appeal, when it is appropriate to retain the deadline for appeal and wait for the written copy of the verdict.

My thesis does not attempt to give precise and unambiguous instructions for the defence counsel process because of the diversity of criminal proceeding to give precise instructions to the position of defense counsel at the trial.