

## **Abstract**

Mediation in Criminal Matters is a part of Restorative Justice concept focused primarily on the reparation of harm caused by an criminal act. The ruling principle of Restorative Justice process is an active participation of the victim, offender and other persons affected by the crime on handling the consequences of crimes.

Mediation in Criminal Matters has many common features with civil mediation, thus this thesis is concentrated on its specifics. This thesis is interested in fields of possible application of Mediation in Criminal Matters and its risks and benefits for the participants. There is offered an overview of legal setting of Mediation in Criminal Matters in the Czech Republic and also in some european countries, which can serve as inspiration for future changes of our legal frame, which are suggested in the end.

According to the actual results of criminological reseach seems Mediation in Criminal Matters to be an useful tool to handle consequences of crimes. This statement is valid under condition of respecting the rules for victims safety and proper case selection.