

## ***Ethical rules of conduct of judges in the Czech Republic***

This master thesis deals with ethical rules of conduct of judges in the Czech Republic. I chose the topic because in this area there is lack of scientific literature given to the topic of professional ethics in general and even less literature directly addressing the professional ethics of judges.

The main objective of this thesis is to provide the most comprehensive picture of the professional ethics of judges in the Czech Republic and the resources on which it puts. The topic is brought to the reader within five chapters.

The first chapter introduces the reader to the topic of ethics and its relation with morality and law and brings the view from the perspective of philosophy and legal theory. The second chapter deals with professional ethics and professional ethical codes, presents to the reader what the professional ethical code should be like.

The content of the third chapter is in the first place to introduce the reader to the character and personality of the judge, his status in the legal system and, above all, the analysis of the professional ethics of judges. This chapter is the core of the work and in the analysis of various aspects of professional ethics draws on information acquired in the previous chapters. The main basis for this chapter were Ethical principles of conduct of judges in 2005, which represent the code of ethics of the judicial profession created by the Judicial Union of the Czech Republic, the independent Czech judge's organization.

The fourth chapter deals with the consequences that can occur when there is a breach of ethical standards. It also includes the legislation on disciplinary proceedings, and several examples of decisions of the disciplinary panel of the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic. In the last chapter, attention is paid to the comparison of professional ethics of attorneys in the Czech Republic, thus bringing a different perspective on the judge's professional ethics.