

Abstract

Protection of domain names

The aim of this work is to place domain names in the legal system, to try their legal classification, explore ways they can be compromised, and to analyze the possibilities of their protection. Particular attention is paid to the international management of domain names and legal grounds of the issue.

Given that the topic of protection of domain names is relatively little explored, particular primary sources of relevant information will be subject to review, ie international standards and laws, as well as technical articles and case law. Resources will be handled mainly by descriptive and analytical research method, sometimes complemented by a historical method.

The first part defines the basic concepts largely of a technical nature relating to the internet and domain names whose knowledge is essential to understand the issue and its legal assessment. The second part defines the term and the concept of domains and domain names and their permissible forms, and also presents a typology of Top Level Domains. The third part deals with international and national management of domains and domain names. It presents the most important authorities in the field of domain names, key institutions and organizations, the circumstances of their foundation, and international and national legal framework for their operation. The fourth part deals with legal classification of domain names within Czech law. Various opinions of classification of domain names are analyzed, special attention is paid to the new private law act and its interference with the generally accepted views. This section also examines the domain name and its possible conflicts with other rights. The fifth and final section deals with domain name disputes. It enumerates the grounds for protection of domain names, especially given the existence of diverse functions, and examines the issue of the value of domain names. It also analyzes specific forms of abuse of domain names in relation to the rights of third parties, and finally discusses alternative dispute resolution in the Czech domain .cz.

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