

## **Abstract**

The Diploma thesis „Freedom of religion: constitutional and statutory regulation and reflection in the judgments of the Constitutional Court” focuses on the constitutional and statutory regulation of freedom of religion in the Czech legal order, and also on the case law of the Constitutional Court concerning various aspects of freedom of religion.

The thesis is divided into three parts, the first part is focused on the sources of statutory regulation. Besides the constitutional and statutory regulation also the relevant international conventions on human rights are mentioned. Among the statutory regulation the main attention is put on the Act on churches and religious societies, which implements the constitutional regulation, and also on the Antidiscrimination act, which constitutes the main statutory source of protection against discrimination.

The second part analyses various forms of freedom of religion, specifically the autonomy of churches, the right to refuse the military service for religious reasons, the freedom of religion in the relationship between parents and children, the freedom of religion in the context of education and at last the question of religious symbols in public space. The aspects of freedom of religion mentioned above are analysed from the view of their constitutional and statutory regulation. The relevant judgments of the Czech Constitutional Court as well as the case law of the European Court of Human Rights are also briefly introduced.

The third part contains selected judgments of the Constitutional Court. In this part the most representative judgments of the Constitutional Court are described, which demonstrate the opinion of the Constitutional Court on the question of the relationship between state and churches. The lastly presented judgment of the Constitutional Court focuses on the individual aspect of freedom of religion.

The thesis intentionally does not mention the question of the restitution of the church property as this topic is too extensive.

The aim of the thesis is to find out how the freedom of religion is regulated in the Czech legal order, respectively how the freedom of religion is reflected in the judgments of the Czech Constitutional Court, and whether this regulation is compliant with international standards and probable social evolution in the future.