

Abstract

The dissertation thesis thoroughly examines the crime of legalization of proceeds of criminal activities (the crime of money laundering) as it is stipulated in the contemporary Czech Criminal Code. The crux of the thesis is an analysis of the most significant elements of the crime of money laundering that are legal objects (general values protected by criminal law), actus reus (physical elements of a crime), mens rea (mental elements of a crime) and offender (person who commits a crime). Within the framework of that analysis, all of the important and disputed questions relating to this crime are examined, e.g. a complex problem of legal objects of the crime of money laundering or a question of liability for so-called self-money laundering. The detailed analysis of the elements of the crime of money laundering is based on a research into the most important phenomenological aspects of money laundering (chiefly the grounds for money laundering, origin of money laundering and nature of the process of money laundering, including the means of realization of money laundering) and a research into the historical development of the elements of the crime of money laundering in the Czech legal order. Apart from an analysis of the matter of guilt, the dissertation thesis also consists of a relatively in-depth research into the issue of punishment for money laundering. One special chapter is dedicated to a criminal liability of legal persons (juridical persons) where, aside from some general questions (e.g. a nature of criminal liability of legal persons), the elements of the crime of money laundering in case of legal persons are examined as well. With regard to the inadequate Czech legal regulation, the thesis also includes numerous suggestions *de lege ferenda*.