

Abstract

This thesis deals with the topic of corporate criminal liability and its criminological aspects. When adopting a law, it is necessary to examine its impact on the society as well as the individual. However, the Czech Act No. 148/2011 Sb. on Corporate Criminal Liability was adopted, above all, because of the pressure exerted by European law. That is possibly the reason why there has never been, until now, much focus on the criminological aspects of corporate crime or the prevention of corporate crime. It follows that the elaboration of this kind of thesis is imperative.

The first chapter of this thesis addresses the historical concept of white-collar criminality which was developed by one of the greatest criminologists of the 20th century - Edwin H. Sutherland. After exploring his work, and works of his followers, the author of this thesis aims to summarize the main characteristics of corporate criminality. In addition, the first chapter specifies the focus and the individual sections of this thesis.

The second chapter is concerned with the etiology of corporate criminality, i.e. with the reasons why corporations commit crime at all. In this part of the thesis, the author analyses the data on corporate criminality collected abroad, nevertheless, the main focus is on the data coming from the Czech environment which were provided by the Justice Department and other prosecuting authorities.

The objective of the last chapter is to sum up at least some basic information about the prevention of corporate criminality. In conclusion, this information leads to several proposals of the author on the preventive measures in this field.