

ABSTRACT

This rigorosum thesis on the topic of *criminal proceedings in front of a single judge* deals with, as the title suggests, a very specific, extraordinary criminal proceedings in front of a single judge, therefore in front of the only judge. Currently, the criminal proceedings in front of a single judge is frequently used, as under specific conditions stipulated by law, this proceedings enables execution of a criminal case in an often faster, economical and effective manner, especially in case that the single judge decides in a way that a decision in form of a penalty order is issued.

The main objective and purpose of this work is not only to outline the criminal proceedings in front of a single judge as such in a close detail, but also to present all institutes that appear in criminal proceedings, respectively in criminal proceedings in front of a single judge and are closely connected to it.

For the sake of better clarity and easier orientation of the reader this rigorosum thesis is divided into several main chapters and related subchapters. The main part of the work, respectively criminal proceedings in front of a single judge legislation *de lege lata*, continuously builds on and is based on historical context and results in the form of *de lege ferenda* consideration and suggestion.

In conclusion, the main contribution of this thesis is, once the current legislation on criminal proceedings in front of a single judge and associated institutes are outlined and explored, the above outlined *de lege ferenda* consideration and suggestion with emphasis and with view on the currently being prepared recodification of the Criminal Procedure Code.