

## **Abstract**

This thesis is concerned with the topic of corporate criminal liability in the environmental contexts. The main purpose of the text is to describe possible ways for application of this phenomenon for the purposes of the environmental protection in practice and to evaluate its functioning so far. The first two chapters of the thesis focus on a general introduction to the topic of liability for environmental offences, and the background process for introducing corporate criminal liability into the Czech legal system, including the international incentives. The third chapter of the work aims to analyze some of the relevant sections of Act. No. 418/2011 Coll. and their capability to contribute to effective environmental protection. The importance of the fourth chapter lies in comparison of the advantages and drawbacks for using administrative or criminal liability for the purposes of sanctioning environmental offences. The analysis carried out in the first part of the thesis, leads to conclusions on the employment of corporate criminal liability in environmental law, and some of the possible recommendations for the enforcement authorities. Finally, there is a comparative chapter about the corporate criminal liability in England and Wales.