

## **Abstract**

### CONSTITUTIONAL INSTITUTES OF PARDON AND AMNESTY

This thesis deals with constitutional institutes of pardon and amnesty. The thesis aims to provide information on existing legal regulation of this area, closer explanation of the particular legal institutes, describe their historical development and show the way of their application during tenures of Czech presidents.

The Introduction contains brief summary of the goals of the thesis, its structure and reasons for choice of the respective topic.

The First Chapter is devoted to definition of elementary terms of pardon and amnesty and explanation of basic differences of their forms, i.e. abolition, agraciation and rehabilitation since correct understanding of these terms is crucial for understanding of the whole following text,

The Second Chapter deals with historical development of the constitutional institutes in question before emergence of the independent Czech Republic.

The Third Chapter contains analysis of current legal regulation in constitutional and general law.

The Fourth Chapter is devoted to pardon, particularly more thorough analysis of transfer of capacity to grant pardons and procedural affairs related to granting of pardons in practice. Final part of this Chapter contains description of specific pardons granted during tenures of presidents of the independent Czech Republic.

The Fifth Chapter regards amnesty, especially particular procedure of its proclamation by the President and description of selected amnesties from 1918 until the tenure of Václav Klaus.

The Sixth Chapter is devoted to comparison of existing regulation in selected European countries and contains evaluation of regulation of pardon and amnesty in the Czech Republic together with proposal for its amendment.

The Conclusion summarizes evaluation of the thesis as such and discovered findings.