Summary

Immunities in the Constitutional System of Czech Republic

The thesis Immunities in the Constitutional System of Czech Republic examines the enshrinement of the immunity of selected public officials in domestic legal system. The essay describes the objective state of legislation as well as the development of academic view of the system of exceptions and the attitude of the persons, in whose favor the element works. After a short introduction, whose purpose is to outline some possible opinions and generally believed myths about parliamentary immunity; the thesis explains some terms related to the institute – material immunity, procedural immunity, and procedural exemption. The main body of the paper reviews the individual types of immunities in detail. The first chapter discusses the Members of Parliament – the immunity of the Deputies and the Senators. It shows the evolution of the constitutional basis to the institute, presents the current form of Article in the Constitution with a numerous cases when the immunity of an MP was removed by the Parliament. It also deals with the connection of the constitutional articles to the rules of procedure of the Chambers. The thesis describes selected problematic aspects of the institute, and demonstrates a number of those with historical and present court practice. The second chapter analyzes the immunity of the President. It differentiates the liability of the Chief Executive into various categories, summarizes the history of the law concerned in the prism of the latest changes to the Constitution, dissects the impeachment procedure and presents decisions of various courts to the disputed aspects of the legislature. In the third chapter the thesis introduces the immunity of the Judges of the Constitutional Court, the Ombudsman and the limited possibility of criminal charge against the judges to general courts. The next part describes the practical side to the immunity and the effects on the criminal law and on the administrative law. In the conclusions, the gained facts are summarized, the paper emphasizes the actual relevance and importance of the institute, including de lege ferenda theories.

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