

# Abstract

## Right to information of corporations

The master thesis is focused on corporations as liable subjects to the right to information. The thesis also deals with a conflict of constitutional laws during the process of requesting the information from corporations. There is a dynamic development of constitutional right to information from year 2000 on in the Czech Republic. A brief Right to Information Act and not so many amendments made it possible to complete the information law by using extensive judicature. The amount of case law in that field of law is unusual in continental law system. However, the judicature of a few last months indicates that extensive interpretation of the right to information already reached its height and further extension of information law stopped for some time. In some cases we witness even the limitation of information rights. Nevertheless the right to information of corporations is still a very turbulent field of law with its unresolved constitutional conflict. Many kinds of informations still stay behind the curtain, out of a public surveillance. Thus the main premise of this thesis is a dominance of the right to information over other constitutional rights in cases of corporations owned solely by public authorities whether directly or through other public or private entities.

In first chapter of the thesis I focus on a conception of the right to information. In second chapter I analyse in detail sources of the right to information of corporations. In third chapter I describe corporations as public institutions and also the conflict of constitutional laws between the right to information and the right to protection of personal information or protection of trade secret. In chapter 4 I deal with continual efforts to amend the Right to Information Act so that I explore the right to information *de lege ferenda*. The qualitative research is crucial part of the final chapter of this master thesis. It is based on an experiment using 40 requests for information addressed to preselected corporations viewed as liable subjects.

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