

Abstract

The topic of this thesis is the development of Infraction Law throughout time. The objective of the thesis is to provide a general outline of when the current Czech Law adopted the legislation for infractions and the form the Infraction Law (both procedural and material) took in its later developmental phases. Another objective of the thesis is to determine what changes have been introduced into the Infraction Law throughout time.

The sources I used to prepare this thesis were the relevant legal documents specifying the legal regulations of Infraction Law, the available periodical literature, as well as the judicial decisions issued in this legal area.

The thesis is divided into six chapters in total. The first chapter defines two of the basic important concepts.

The second chapter provides a chart of the development of Infraction Law since its conception in the year 1787 until the formation of the Czechoslovak Republic in the year 1918. This chapter is further subdivided into three sections. The first section describes Infraction Law during its first developmental phase, which is the time its formation took place. The second section presents a map of the development of Infraction Law in the period between 1803 and 1852. Last but not least, the third section is dedicated to the development of Infraction Law in the period between 1852 and 1918.

The third chapter of the thesis describes the form Infraction Law took during the existence of the Czechoslovak Republic (1918-1939). The last phase that is examined is the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia period, and the development of Infraction Law during this time is elaborated upon in the fourth chapter of the thesis.

Unlike any of the previous chapters which only dealt with the legislative regulations which were in effect during the examined historical periods, the fifth chapter shines a spotlight on the efforts of legislatures to introduce new changes into the legal regulations.

All of the above mentioned previous chapters focus only on the liability for infractions in natural persons. On the other hand, the fifth chapter studies the liability for infractions in legal entities through a cross-cutting overview of all of the examined historical periods. The conclusion of the thesis summarises all of the discovered insights.