

Abstract

My thesis deals with selected problems related to the criminal justice in the matter of youth. These problems mainly result from the fact that this is a specific group of offenders and that it is necessary to react to their unlawful activities and viewed them in a different way compared to the cases of adults. Therefore criminal law of young offenders resulted in the separate legal regulation which is contained in the Act no. 218/2003 Coll., on Judicial System in the Matter of Youth.

I divide this thesis internally into six parts which have a logical sequence. The first part deals with terminology which occurs in the Act and differs from general adjudication which is stipulated by the Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure. It is necessary to acquire different terms to get a good orientation in the given issues.

The second part deals with restorative justice on which basis the act on judicial system in the matter of youth is built up. It is a restoring justice where no primary vengeance exists. Since we cannot say that there exists a stable definition of restorative justice, I mention mainly the principles which this concept is based on. Further, I make a passing comment about some institutes and provisions in which the principles of restorative justice are reflected.

Next part describes history of criminal justice in the matter of youth which preceded the current arrangement. It also includes a definition of the reasons which gave rise to the acceptance of the act on judicial system for youth.

In the fourth part, I deal in detail with the individual principles governing the juvenile criminal justice system. Using them I tried to summarize substantive and procedural law differences which apply to the juveniles.

In the fifth chapter, I deal with the issue of juvenile criminal responsibility when in case of juveniles we talk about so-called relative criminal responsibility. In this part, I also deal with the issue of the age limit of criminal liability and examination of the mental state of a juvenile.

The conclusion of my work is created by the sixth part which deals with the measures imposed on juveniles and, in its conclusion, with the measures imposed on the children under fifteen. I pursue sanctioning mainly from the substantive point of view.