

## Abstract

The thesis sets its goal in finding and identifying the most significant elements of differentiation between a legal statuses of members of individual forms of business companies in Czech law system. These elements are being a subject of further analysis and research of how they result both in the companies' operations and internal relations between members.

Despite the fact that in general, rights and duties of members of individual types of business companies are based on values and mechanics that are common to all, legal statuses of members are diametrically different in many ways. These differences have major impact both on forms and extent to which members can exercise their rights, as well as matters of their duties and consequences of their default. However, these distinctions systematically correspond with whether a personal or capital element prevails in the type of the corporation.

The first chapter introduces the essential parameters and specifics of individual forms of companies, emphasising their role and importance within a business environment.

Chapter two is dedicated to the matters of membership in a business company, focusing on its acquirement and termination in different types of companies. From a comparative view, this chapter first describes both original and derivative ways of becoming a member, then explains voluntary and non-voluntary modes of membership termination.

Third chapter aims on comparison of selected elements of quantitative aspect of a member's share while focusing on profit participation, deposit obligation and members' liability. In terms of liability, piercing of the corporate veil doctrine is also a subject of analysis.

Chapter four offers a comparative view on selected elements of qualitative aspect of a share in different types of corporations, main subject being the voting rights and certain matters of general meetings respectively. Research then focuses on comparison of rights of members possessing qualifying holdings, rights to information and duty of loyalty. In the end, derivative actions are being analysed.