

## **Abstract**

### **Criminal liability of legal entities**

In the presented thesis the author deals with the topic of criminal liability of legal entities. Considering the complexity and extensiveness of this topic this thesis is only focused on the substantive law regulating this area and so it does not deal with the criminal sanctioning of legal entities or the criminal proceedings against them. The author aims to explore the criminal liability of legal entities starting from the basic questions of possible ways to even sanction legal entities for unlawful conduct to the questions of the current law in force, its problems and the possible solutions of these problems.

The first part of this thesis addresses the ways in which it is possible to sanction a legal entity for unlawful behaviour, it compares these ways and considers which of these ways is the most suitable for the situation in the Czech Republic.

The second part of the thesis provides in its first chapter a closer look at the historical development of law regulating the criminal liability of legal entities in the Czech Republic starting from the year 2000 until today, or rather until 2016, when the Act No. 183/2016 coll. was passed. This act brought some significant changes to the law that was in force at that time. The second and third chapter of this part focuses on the arguments raised for and against the regulation of criminal liability of legal entities.

The third and largest part of the thesis deals with the current law in force regulating criminal liability of legal entities. It focuses on the Act No. 418/2011 Coll. about criminal liability of legal entities; it deals with its structure, with the changes it brings into Czech law and with its concrete provisions.

The fourth part of this thesis is also its final part. Inside it the author draws attention to the provision of the Act No. 418/2011 Coll. that she considers problematic. At the same time does she attempt to present possible future solutions for these problems.