

An injured party and a victim of crime

Abstract

This master's thesis deals with the legal status of the injured party and the victim of a crime. The aim of this master's thesis is to describe the legal regulation of the victim and injured party in the Czech Republic, to draw attention to its shortcomings and to present proposals *de lege ferenda*. The author uses a descriptive method and critical analysis. The first and seventh chapters also contain a comparison with foreign legislation.

The master's thesis is composed of the introduction, eight chapters and the end. The first half of this master's thesis deals with crime victims. The first chapter deals with the general definition of the victim of crime. It also mentions the importance of the victim to criminal law. The next chapter is focused on victimology and its elemental terms. The third chapter includes legal regulation in the Czech Republic. The author deals with situation before the Act 45/2013 Coll., the Victims of Crime Bill, its executive legal regulations and Act 59/2017 Coll. The fourth chapter discusses in detail the rights of victims: the right to professional assistance, the right to information, the right to protection from imminent danger, the right to privacy, the right to protection from secondary harm and the right to financial assistance. The fifth chapter deals with the support instruments for the victims of crime. The author introduces register of entities, which support victims of crime, and selected entities, which provide victim support.

The second half of this master's thesis is focused on injured party. The sixth chapter deals with the general definition of injured party. In this chapter, the author also compares the victim with the injured party. The seventh chapter analysis rights of the injured party. Firstly, the author gives a general interpretation of rights. The author discusses some rights in more detail: the right to inspect the file, the right to claim for damages or for non-material damages and the right to claim for unjust enrichment, the right to be represented by an attorney. The space is also devoted to the issue of the institute of consent to criminal prosecution. The right to pay the costs of the proceedings is also mentioned.

In the eighth chapter, the author presents his own proposals *de lege ferenda*. Their aim is to improve the position of these entities.

The end is focused on evaluation of aims and general appraisal of the regulation.

Key words

injured party, victim of crime, the Victims of Crime Bill