

Abstract

The title of the thesis is “The Community Service Punishment and the Execution Thereof”. It analyses the alternative community service punishment not only as governed by Czech legal system, but also as covered by legal regulation of this type of punishment in other states. The thesis further describes the relation of the community service punishment to other forms of alternative punishment which are applicable under the Czech legal system and its significance therein. It also covers the topic of the community service punishment according to the doctrine of restorative justice. The thesis includes a brief history of the community service punishment regulation since the middle ages up to nowadays. The goal of the thesis consists in thorough study of the substantive and procedural regulation of the community service punishment not only as set forth by the new Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code, but also as set forth by implementing laws, like e.g. the Probation and Mediation Service Law. The thesis further analyses the execution of the community service punishment as seen from the point of view of all respective actors involved.

The thesis comprises eleven chapters. One of the main chapters deals with the *de lege ferenda* consideration. In cooperation with a Probation and Mediation Service officer I summarized several problematic issues which ought to be elaborated in the future. In one of the chapters I engaged in the issue of imposing the community service penalty on juvenile offenders. One part of the thesis deals with recapitulation of the practice of the Czech courts regarding decisions concerning the community service punishment. The thesis is concluded by an analysis of statistical data supplied by the Probation and Mediation Service and by Ministry of Justice relating to community service punishment within the Czech Republic.