

## **Abstract**

The thesis is divided into two parts.

The first part deals with the companies in the field of the international private law. After the introduction and general remarks on the topic it proceeds to the recognition of foreign companies in the law of the Czech Republic. Subsequently, personal statute of such companies and its determination is discussed. Next the first part of the thesis focuses on the conditions under which foreign companies can run their business in the Czech Republic. Lastly, the possibility of cross-boarder movement of the companies' seats into and out of the Czech Republic is analysed. The first part of this work takes into the consideration not only the Czech law but also the law of European Union and the relevant case law of the European Court of Justice.

The second part of this work deals with doctrine called *piercing the corporate veil*, which was established in the common law area. It analyses grounds leading to the possibility of application of this doctrine in common law area and in German law. The work examines cases of single companies as well as of companies being part of a group of companies. After the analysis of grounds leading to the possibility of use of the *piercing the corporate veil* follows their generalisation and synthesis. The conclusion of the work is dedicated to the possibilities of use of the doctrine in the Czech commercial law.

### **Key words:**

Foreign company, International private law, Recognition, Freedom of Establishment, Free movement of capital, Investment protection, Cross-boarder seat movement;

Piercing the corporate veil, Personal liability of a member of a company for the company's debts, Separate corporate personality, Liability of a parent company for the debts of its subsidiaries, Law of groups of companies.