

The presented thesis provides a comprehensive view of the current legislation on family and parents-children relationships, including insights into past and future. Being a still hot topic is the reason why I chose it for my thesis. Two introductory chapters discuss historical context of family and development of legal relationships between parents and children to date. The family has evolved over time, developed and changed and so has the status of its individual members, which was all reflected in legislation (paternal power, parental power, parental rights and duties, parental responsibilities). The current concept of family is described in Chapter 3, followed by Chapter 4 which gives general characteristics of family law and legal relations within the family, including the definitions of basic concepts used in the rest of the work. Key Chapter 5 discusses the concept of parental responsibilities brought into our law by the so-called "big amendment" to the Family Code (Act No. 91/1998 Coll.). In exercising these rights and duties, parents are obliged to protect the best interests of the minor child, to control his or her actions and to exercise supervision over him or her. The parent-child relationship is equal and both its parties are holders of complementary rights and duties. In all actions, child's welfare is the primary consideration (best interests of the child). Chapter 6 investigates a finished proposal of Czech Civil Code which currently is in the Parliament. Provisions on family law (now contained in the Family Code) are newly proposed to be merged into Czech Civil Code. After 13 years of its existence in our law, the concept of parental responsibilities is renamed to a synonym by the contents remain basically the same and only partial issues are more specified. Later in this chapter I compare this proposal with the Principles of European Family Law Regarding Parental Responsibilities and conclude there is a good compliance.