

The goal of this diploma thesis was to discuss the issues of testamentary succession, where not only the institute of the last will and testament will be discussed, but also some other legal regulations of the succession rights, that cannot be left out while discussing the issues of testamentary succession.

The presented work is divided into six chapters, where the first chapter is started with the introduction word of the author, who introduces the work and puts the reader into the problem. After this a brief digression into the past follows, showing the issues of testamentary succession in the historical context and finally, this chapter is finished with the definition of the valid legal regulation of this time.

The second chapter of this work focuses on the main principles of the testamentary succession. Individual principles are named individually and analysed in details, where some of the specific declarations of these rules are explicitly pointed out not only in this chapter, but in the following ones, too.

The third chapter focuses in details on individual presumptions that must be individually fulfilled, so that the succession could be possible. These conditions are discussed in individual subchapters called: the death of testator, the existence of decedent's estate, the capacity to inherit, the title by inheritance and the acceptance of succession.

The fourth chapter is the main part of this diploma thesis, where the institute of testament is discussed. This chapter defines the term testament on its own, its essential elements. The qualification to make a testament and consequences of mistakes while making a testament are discussed. Individual forms of testament are named and studied in details, its content, including the possibility of cancelling the testament.

The whole last but one chapter, the fifth in the order, deals about the legal situation of an unpretermitted heir, which means people with specific rights given them thanks to their relationship to the testator and not given to any other heir. The end of this chapter focuses on moments, when an unpretermitted heir can be deprived of these rights.

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Finally the last chapter of this diploma thesis is the conclusion, which summarizes all the reflections and pieces of knowledge of the author, which he gained while making this work.