

## Summary

The topic of this thesis is copyright protection of databases. The aim of the thesis is to find out, via comparison of the different legal systems, if the European legislation of legal protection of databases is proper, adequate and if it reflects the current needs of the European society. The thesis contains a brief historical description leading to the current legislation. Next to descriptive and comparative method of research author uses also analytical method of research for analyzing the legislation and provides to readers his own opinion toward the chosen topic. The thesis deals with the European Union and USA legislation in the field of database legal protection. As for European legislation, the author puts emphasis on copyright law protection and on so-called *sui generis* right. The thesis consists of Introduction, Conclusion and another 9 chapters. The second chapter provides the basic terms and problems of the topic. The third chapter contains international treaties relating to databases. The following three chapters relate to the European Union legislation, where the author describes the historical process leading to adoption of directive on the legal protection of databases in 1996. This directive is analyzed and the author articulates his opinions toward the directive. Chapter number seven is devoted to the Czech Copyright Act. In the eighth and ninth chapter the author provides another forms of legal protections of databases. The U.S. legislation as for of databases with emphasis put on practice of the courts is incorporated in chapter number ten. The last two chapters contain *de lege ferenda* solutions and summary of the results of the thesis.