

Abstract

The purpose of the Rigorosum Thesis named Criminal Liability of Legal Persons in the Czech Republic and in Selected Countries around the World is to comprehensively set forth the issue of the criminal liability of legal persons. The Rigorosum Thesis is divided into five chapters. In the first place the basic terms related to this topic are defined and also the theories of attributing criminal liability to legal persons are set forth. Subsequently the thesis examines the criminal liability of legal persons in the Czech Republic including the evolution of the legislative process and current law in force, the Act n. 418/2011Coll., on Criminal Liability of Legal Entities and Proceedings Against Them. Following chapters are dedicated to the exposition of the foreign legal frameworks, namely legislations in the common law countries and in selected European, Asian and South American countries. The Rigorosum Thesis points out the shortcomings and weaknesses of the legislations concerned and at the same time the author attempts to propose rectifications and improvements. When the legal regulations are explained, the author especially focuses on the most typical and characteristic instruments in the legal frameworks analysed as well as on the institutes, which are unknown to the Czech criminal law. Eventually it is proposed to incorporate some of these into the Czech legislation.