

POSSIBILITIES OF LEGAL PROTECTION OF MARTIAL ARTS AND SELF DEFENCE SYSTEMS

ABSTRACT

This thesis has two, resp. three goals. First of them is attempt to improve knowledge about disciplines of martial systems which I believe could help to prevent many misunderstandings about purposes of those disciplines. For that reason I divided martial systems in three categories (disciplines), which conforms with categorization that slowly rises among professional public. Those categories are: martial arts, fighting sports and self-defence systems. There is also a brief summary and history of two of these disciplines.

Second, or second and third goal of my thesis was an exploration and introduction of possibilities of legal protection not only of martial arts but also of self-defence systems. The main emphasis is on copyright of martial arts, which is described in great detail. Legal protection of martial arts in relation to industrial law is also briefly described. Self-defence systems are examined in the same way as martial arts are. This means that first I try to describe copyright protection and than protection in the sense of industrial law.