

Abstract

This thesis, called Activities of the probation and mediation service in serving alternative sanctions aims to describe a role of the Probation and mediation service of the Czech Republic especially in serving alternative sentences, its legal base and problems, which may occur during these activities.

Probation and mediation service of the Czech Republic is an organization which helps to apply the principles of the restorative justice and provides more effective exercise of the alternative sanctions. Different persons and institutions had been in charge with these tasks but the specialized Probation and mediation service is young, it has been established in 2001.

The thesis consists of ten chapters, which deal with various partial topics. A separate chapter deals with a historical evolution of the alternative sanctions and probation. A part with the definition of the alternative sentence and a legal base of those sentences whose exercise is assured by the Probation and mediation service is an important chapter. The thesis also contains a description of the structure of the Probation and mediation service, rights and duties of its officers and awareness among Czech public. The longest chapter deals with practice of the probation officers during doing those tasks. In the end of the thesis there is a chapter about the tasks within the mediation activities because that is an essential part of the restorative justice approach and the alternative sanctions.

The thesis is enriched with the actual experience of the probation officers that were gained during consultations in two centres of the Probation and mediation service. During the interviews I focused especially on the suspended sentence with probation and community service because these two constitute a vast majority in the scope of their work.

Besides the summary, the last chapter also contains suggestions *de lege ferenda*, also based on the remarks of the probation officers whom I consulted the lacks of the legislation with.