

Abstract

Thesis title: Assistance to victims of crime

This thesis deals with the assistance to victims of crime, mostly in terms of legislation and its application. It does, however, provide theoretical explanation about victims and it also introduces several subjects, that do actually provide the assistance itself. The thesis works with legislation, that is at the time of thesis writing in effect, but it also deals with an amendment to the Victim of Crime Assistance Act, that was at the time of thesis writing being ratified.

The thesis is divided into six chapters, including an introduction and a conclusion. The introduction does only define objectives, which the thesis should aim at. Following chapter defines concepts of both victim and aggrieved person in Czech law and offers comparison of those concepts and the next chapter contains theoretical treatise about how both criminology and victimology see victims themselves and it also defines the types of harm that the victim can suffer.

The core of the thesis, however, lies in the chapter, that deals with legislation. The first part of this chapter pays attention to several parts in the Code of Criminal Procedure and in case of preliminary injunctions it also compares the Code of Criminal Procedure with the rules of civil law. More important part of this chapter, however, deals with the Victim of Crime Assistance Act. The following division of the chapter is in accordance with the division of the Victim of Crime Assistance Act. The thesis emphasizes questionable articles of this Act and also suggests, which directions could the prospective amendments go, while taking the aforementioned amendment into account.

The final part of the thesis introduces three of subjects, that actually provide assistance to victims. One subject was chosen, that has no focus in its activity, and in contrast to this subject there are two of those, that focus on certain type of victim, in the case of selected subjects female victims and victims of so-called hate crimes. The thesis has also mentioned attorney legal services provided pro bono, which has its special place among the services provided to victims.