

The status of a sportsman as an entrepreneur

Abstract

This thesis deals with the issue of the status of a sportsman as an entrepreneur in the Czech legal environment. Although it is an area that is still overlooked by the legislator, it is still a topical issue. Professional sportsmen are basically free to choose their status, and one of the options is to act as an entrepreneur. The aim of this thesis is to analyse in more detail the features of entrepreneurship and then to assess whether sportsman in individual and collective sports fulfil these features.

The thesis is organized into five main chapters. In the first chapter, the terms sport and professional sportsman are generally defined. Next, the current situation of the position of professional sportsman in the Czech Republic is briefly outlined. The second chapter then examines the concept of entrepreneur, especially considering the individual features of entrepreneurship. These are analysed in more detail while also selected case law is mentioned. Finally, the extension of the definition of an entrepreneur to include persons who may not in fact be entrepreneurs, but will nevertheless be considered entrepreneurs, is also indicated. In the third chapter, it is then assessed whether professional sportsman fulfil the individual features of entrepreneurship on the basis of the definitions in the first two chapters. For all features, the perspective of individual and collective sports is considered, with more space given to collective sports in view of the more problematic areas. The fourth chapter then introduces the reader to a view of the issue from abroad. The first subchapter summarises the development and current situation from a Community law perspective. The next two subchapters then outline the Slovak and German legislation. Based on all the above-mentioned chapters, the last part of the thesis presents possible future regulation of the status of professional sportsman in the Czech Republic.

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