

## **Abstract**

The present thesis deals with the criminal liability in the handling of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the health care sector, which is accompanied by a number of nooks and crannies that I try to reveal in the thesis. The thesis explores the duties and responsibilities of health service providers, whose role is crucial to ensuring quality care and patient safety.

The first part of the thesis focuses on defining basic terms in the field of health service delivery. Then the thesis analyses the obligations that health service providers, especially doctors, have to comply with. The key term is the duty of *lege artis*, and the thesis discusses in detail the various aspects of this duty, its violation in the form of non *lege artis* procedure, and then provides examples from practice.

The second part of the thesis is devoted to medicinal products, whereby their development up to registration is first presented, followed by their prescription. An important topic is also off-label medication, which "gained popularity" especially in the period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The third part of the thesis deals with criminal liability and its basic aspects, together with circumstances precluding illegality, which are focused on the area of provision of health services. This part then discusses in detail a relatively new topic – namely the criminal liability of legal persons and the possibilities of their emergence from this liability.

The final part focuses on possible offences that may be committed in the context of the provision of health services when dealing with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and important cases from practice are presented together with interesting court decisions.

The aim of the work is to provide a comprehensive view of the relatively unexplored connection between criminal and health law, as well as the possible abandonment of strict regulation of substances that can be very helpful in health care. All, of course, under the supervision of trained health professionals.

### **Keywords:**

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