

Abstract

This thesis deals with interrogation as the most commonly and widely used means of evidence. The thesis focuses on the so-called questionable methods of verification of testimony, which is a controversial issue on which there are different opinions. The aim of this thesis is to describe and analyse selected methods which can lead to the verification of testimony, but the opinion on their use is still not clear. The thesis focuses on the issue of the use of these methods and the evaluation of the possibility of their use in criminal proceedings.

The thesis is divided into two main parts. The first is the theoretical part, which is further divided into two large chapters. The first chapter is devoted to interrogation in general, defines this term and describes its preparation, course and documentation. It also outlines the different types of interviews, including the specific requirements for interviewing children. Finally, this chapter also covers the credibility of testimony.

The second chapter focuses on questionable and inadmissible methods of verifying the truthfulness of testimony and describes and discusses suggestive and captious questions, physiodetectational examination, investigative hypnosis, and truth serum.

The second part of the thesis is the practical part, which includes two interviews. The first interview is about suggestive and captious questions, the second interview is focused on physiodetectational examination issues.

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