

## **The Means of Criminal Law Dealing With Organized Crime**

### **Abstract**

The rigorous thesis explores the phenomenon of organized crime, examining it from criminological, criminal law, and historical perspectives in the introduction. Within the initial pages, the thesis delves into the concept of organized crime, considering various expert opinions. However, attempts to conceptually or empirically capture the phenomenon face numerous challenges due to its complexity and diverse forms. The thesis consistently emphasizes the importance of the topic, stemming from the serious threat to public interest posed by organized crime and ongoing international and national debates on the need to improve tools to combat it. The author also examines the current legal regulations, both domestic and international. The conclusion of the second chapter particularly focuses on the criminal offense of participation in an organized criminal group. Another chapter is dedicated to categorizing tools to combat organized crime into legal, institutional, and political categories. The author then delves into selected criminal law tools to combat organized crime, focusing on some of the most problematic instruments, where skepticism among certain experts is often justified. These controversial institutions of criminal procedural law, inherently linked to organized crime, include the institute of cooperating defendant and undercover agent, or witness. Throughout the individual chapters, a continuous comparison is made between the domestic legal framework in the Czech Republic and the legal frameworks of other countries. Based on this, some suggestions *de lege ferenda* are proposed. The final chapter of the rigorous thesis addresses the issue of criminal liability of legal entities, closely related to the thesis's subject. The objective of the thesis is to analyze, identify potential shortcomings, and propose enhancements to the effectiveness of tools used in the fight against organized crime, highlighting problematic aspects that should receive special attention in general discussions on this topic.

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