

Interdisciplinary collaboration in the care of a minor child proceedings

Abstract

This thesis examines interdisciplinary collaboration involving a family mediator, attorney, child welfare officer, judge, and expert in care of a minor child proceedings pursuant to section 466 letter b) of the Act on Special Court Proceedings. The primary objective is to evaluate whether the existing legal framework governing the actors in interdisciplinary collaboration adequately facilitates its implementation and whether the utilization of interdisciplinary collaboration principles and methods enhances the effectiveness of resolving issues related to minor care.

The first chapter focuses on defining interdisciplinary collaboration and distinguishing it from multidisciplinary and intradisciplinary. It then explores three specific forms of interdisciplinary collaboration: the Cochem model, collaborative law, and family mediation. These models are briefly introduced, including their historical background and essence.

The second chapter interprets care of a minor child proceedings, beginning with the principles and procedures of such proceedings, including the possibility of utilizing institutions such as the so-called other court proceedings (*jiný soudní rok* in Czech), and concluding with the requirements and format of decisions.

The third chapter, the focal point of the thesis, builds upon the preceding chapters and analyses the roles of the selected actors involved in the models of interdisciplinary collaboration discussed earlier. It starts by acquainting the reader with the role of the family mediator, followed by an examination of the role of the attorney. Subsequent sections shift focus to the interpretations of the child welfare officer and judge, and finally to the court-appointed expert. Throughout this chapter, emphasis is placed on the interactions of the individual actors with the minor child. Each subsection of this chapter includes reflections *de lege ferenda*, which could lead to a deeper application of interdisciplinary collaboration principles.

Key words

interdisciplinary collaboration, the care of a minor child proceedings, the role of the subjects involved in interdisciplinary cooperation