

Abstract

The aim of the thesis is an analysis of the topical legal form of the cooperating defendant. It is divided into 5 chapters. In the first chapter there are given concepts of the crown witness and the cooperating defendant, added deliberation of *de lege ferenda*. In the second chapter the author gives particular principles of the prosecution and describes in what way the institution of the cooperating defendant influences them. The third chapter is devoted to the organized crime and the legal means which are applied to its prosecution. In the fourth chapter the modification of the institution of the cooperating defendant is described in detail. In this chapter the author points out the importance of the confession of the status of the cooperating defendant, the motivation, the verbal testimony, the protection of the cooperating defendant. Further the author takes a possible application of the institution of the hidden witness for cooperating defendant into consideration. In the last chapter the author gives cases, where an application of the institute of cooperating defendant is used. In the case studies the author especially aims at the testimony of cooperating defendant. The admission of the status of the cooperating defendant and what kind of punishment was given to the cooperating defendant in comparison with the others defendants. In the conclusion the author summarises the insufficiency, that was found in the legal form of the institution of the cooperating defendant.