

Professional Ethics of Notaries in the Czech Republic

Abstract

This diploma thesis titled "*Professional Ethics of Notaries in the Czech Republic*", aims to provide a systematic and comprehensive overview of this topic. Notaries in the Czech Republic are a crucial part of the legal system and thus are trusted by the public, emphasizing a strong focus on a high standard of professional ethics. This thesis is an excursion into the development of the notary profession, its principles, and the legal and statutory regulations that govern it.

The thesis is organized into three main parts which are further divided into subchapters. The first part of this diploma thesis is dedicated to the topic of ethics and morality and to the connection of these philosophical disciplines with law. In this section, the areas of ethics that form the basis of contemporary professional ethics are outlined in detail. Additionally, the thesis discusses morality and, last but not least, the tripartite relationship between ethics, morality, and law.

The second part of the thesis is focused on professional ethics and is primarily explaining this phenomenon, which is currently gaining importance, in detail. To properly introduce this topic, legal professions such as attorney, bailiff, and judge are selected. These professions are presented in more detail in terms of professional ethics and professional ethics codes.

The third and final part of the diploma thesis is, in the first place, an excursion into the history of the development of the notarial profession in our territory, as the notary profession has a strong historical tradition. Subsequently, this section is dedicated to the position of a notary in the present – describing in detail the areas of notarial activities, addressing the legal regulation of notaries, and, above all, providing a summary of the basic principles on which the professional ethics of notaries are based. In conclusion, the thesis focuses on the ethical codes of the notarial profession, both those used in the Czech Republic and those from selected European countries. Finally, attention is paid to state supervision of the notarial profession and the significance of disciplinary responsibility and the course of disciplinary proceedings.

The contribution of this diploma thesis lies primarily in providing a clear set of notarial ethical principles and offering a summary of current notarial ethical codes.

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