

THE FIFTH ANNUAL DOCTORAL PRIVATE LAW CONFERENCE
CALLED *CIVILISTICKÉ PÁBENÍ*, THIS YEAR
ON *FAMILY AND CHILD IN CIVIL LAW*

The Charles University, Faculty of Law, hosted on the 28th of April 2023 a fifth year of a doctoral conference called *Civilistické pábení*, this year on *Family and Child in Civil Law*. The purpose of this traditional conference organized by the Department of Civil Law at the Faculty of Law of Charles University was to bring together doctoral students with specialization in private law, concentrating on issues of civil law, including civil procedure and intellectual property, commercial law, private international law, European law, non-fiscal financial law, labour law, legal theory, sociology and political science, including the artificial intelligence (AI). The conference provides venue for doctoral students to share their research with their peers from the Faculty of Law, Charles University, and from other faculties of law home and abroad, as well as with academic staff. However, the conference is not only a place of presentation of research, but also a networking place, which enables the participants to gain acquaintances.

The conference was officially started with opening remarks by Assistant Professor Miroslav Sedláček followed by Assistant Professor Tomáš Střeleček, who organized it. Their greetings were followed by opening remarks by the guests from among the academics. The first to give a speech was traditionally Professor Radim Boháč, dean of the Faculty of Law of Charles University. He was followed by Professor David Elischer, head of the Department of Civil Law, and Associate Professor Michaela Hendrychová from the Department of Civil Law, followed by Associate Professor Dita Frintová from the Department of Civil Law, all from the Faculty of Law of Charles University. Professor Radim Boháč appreciated that the conference is already a tradition of the faculty and he wished the conference productive discussions. Professor David Elischer has concentrated his speech on current legal issues of the status of the family and the child in civil law. Associate Professor Michaela Hendrychová addressed the question of whether the status of the child is deteriorating? Associate Professor Dita Frintová gave a speech on *Current issues of the legal status of the child in civil proceedings*. These introductory remarks were followed by the presentation of the contributions of the individual participants of the conference in the consecutive sections.

This year's conference was divided into four consecutive sections, with more than 20 contributions. To mention some of them – in the first section dealing with rather general issues of the topic such as the child's participation in society and his/her tort liability, moderated by Associate Professor Ondřej Frinta, Sarah Farid spoke on the topic of *Hindrance to the social participation of the child* and Nikola Černíková gave a speech on *New concept of tort liability of minors*. In the second section, which was focusing on protection of the child as a consumer, both in general and in the online environment, and was moderated by Assistant Professor Klára Hurychová, Petra Kotápišová spoke on

the topic of *Weaknesses in the protection of the child as a consumer in the Czech legal system* and Ondřej Mocek gave an analysis on the issue of *Establishing the residence of the child and its impact on the child's life*. After the lunch break started a third section, focusing on the themes of medical law and fundamental human rights of the child, which was moderated by Daniel Hanuš. In this part, Zuzana Duránik had a contribution titled *Parents and children – health law issues* and Zuzana Vanýšková presented a paper called *Does Czech legislation protect children from physical punishment sufficiently?* In the fourth section, focusing mainly on civil procedural questions, Kristina Čermáková gave a speech on *Parties to proceedings for the establishment of paternity in the context of current decision-making practice* and Martin Štika delivered a presentation on the topic of *Impact of execution on family relationships and child development*. The last section was moderated by Assistant Professor Tomáš Štreleček.

The conference was concluded by awarding a prize called *Civilistický pábítel* for the best presentation of research at the conference. Following the tradition from last year, it was up to the participants, both present in the conference room and those who joined online, to choose *Civilistický pábítel* among them using a democratic principle. The prize winner was Martin Štika from the University of West Bohemia, Faculty of Law, Department of Civil Law. He presented his research in a presentation titled *Impact of execution on family relationships and child development*. He delivered particularly interesting cases from practice based on which he proposed suitable changes to the legislation in the field of execution.

The entire event was supported by the program Cooperatio/LAWS, addressed at the Faculty of Law, Charles University. The partnership of the conference was again accepted by the publishing house Wolters Kluwer ČR, a. s. Traditionally, the conference will result in the publication of a collective monograph that is currently being prepared. Participants were also offered the opportunity to publish their research in one of the journals published by that publishing house.

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