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Summary

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES OF CORRUPTION

Criminal offenses of corruption (accepting bribes, giving bribes) as official criminal offenses committed by the officials in public authorities have a long historical development. Practically, since the first laws from the time of the ancient century, the occurrence of criminal acts of corruption had been known, as well as various ways of social reaction to these forms of illegal, prohibited and punishable behavior. Even in the middle ages, numerous laws prescribed criminal liability and punishment for corruption. The situation is similar in the Republic of Serbia. All criminal laws from the 19th century until today provide a system of punishments and other criminal sanctions for various forms of corruption. The paper analyzes the provisions of the criminal legislation on corruption in Serbia from the earliest times to the present day, with reference to foreign sources.

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