ABSTRACT

The issue of official documents constitutes a compelling area of legal research, particularly within the context of general administrative proceedings, where their practical significance is substantial. Despite their importance, the number of scholarly publications dedicated to this subject remains markedly insufficient, indicating a need for comprehensive and in-depth legal analysis. The dynamic evolution of the official document—manifesting increasingly in electronic rather than exclusively paper form—must also be acknowledged. This trend is gaining momentum and will undoubtedly play an increasingly important role in the future. The distinctive legal nature of official documents in general administrative proceedings is determined by the legal status of the issuing authority and by the statutorily prescribed form. The complexity and lack of uniformity in the legal provisions governing these elements justify the necessity for their detailed doctrinal and dogmatic analysis.

This doctoral dissertation aims to provide a comprehensive examination of the concept and function of official documents in general administrative proceedings. The study begins with an overview of the historical development of the official document, taking into account its evolution and its role in various branches of law. It then proceeds to examine the constitutive elements of the official document, followed by a focused analysis of its specific legal nature under the general administrative procedure. A particularly significant part of the dissertation is dedicated to an in-depth discussion of the evidentiary value of official documents. The final part of the study addresses the issue of official documents in electronic form, considering the particularities of this modern format as well as its legal and practical implications.