

"Agreements concerning the succession of a living person under Polish civil law". (author: Patryk Bender) – summary.

The subject of the dissertation is the issue of agreements on the succession of a living person, considered from the perspective of the regulation of contemporary Polish law of succession. Art. 1047 of the Civil Code provides for a general prohibition of agreements on the succession of a living person. The only exception provided by the legislator is the renunciation of inheritance (art. 1048-1050 of the Civil Code). The purpose of the dissertation is to verify the accuracy of contemporary Polish law solutions in the discussed scope.

The first chapter of the work is devoted to agreements on succession in historical development. It discusses regulations adopted in Roman law, the development of the discussed agreements in the pre-codification period, as well as the provisions of Prussian Landrecht (ALR).

The second chapter includes a comparative analysis (German law, Austrian law, Swiss law, French law, Czech law and an overview of other European regulations).

The third chapter contains an extended analysis of agreements on succession in the development of Polish law. It takes into account the historical realities of the development of these contracts as well as the conclusions of extended archival research on the codification of law.

The fourth chapter is devoted to the law of succession and its legal relations from the perspective of the possibility of applying the principle of contractual freedom.

The fifth chapter discusses the general prohibition of agreements on the succession of a living person.

The sixth chapter contains an in-depth analysis of the renunciation of inheritance, as the only exception to the prohibition of agreements on the succession of a living person.

The last two chapters also contain the relevant *de lege ferenda* requests.

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