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**Abstract**

The subject of the thesis is the legal analysis of the institution of independent members of the supervisory board in typical publicly traded joint-stock companies listed on regulated markets, as a corporate governance instrument in a comparative legal perspective.

The aim of the dissertation is to analyze the concept and systems of corporate governance, the issues of two basic models of organization of joint-stock companies, the supervisory board in a public joint-stock company, and to explain the fundamental concepts of corporate governance necessary for a proper understanding and evaluation of the appropriateness of introducing the institution of independent members of supervisory boards into the legal system in Poland.

Another goal of the dissertation is to thoroughly examine the causes of the emergence and development of independent directors in the USA, in the legal system of the EU, in Germany, and Poland, as well as to conduct an analysis and interpretation of the regulations governing the institution of independent members of supervisory boards in typical publicly traded joint-stock companies under US law, EU law, German law, and Polish law.

The final objective of the dissertation is to verify the main research hypothesis, namely whether the institution of independent members of the supervisory board in a public company constitutes a universal remedy for corporate governance problems and is justified in the Polish legal system.

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