

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JUVENILE CRIMINAL LAW IN FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Summary: Upon recent enactment of separate Law on protection and treatment of children and juveniles in criminal proceeding of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2014 it has regulated, in a completely new manner, the legal position (the rights, obligations and responsibilities) of juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences under substantive, procedural and executive criminal law. A number of novelties related to the application of alternative (informal, diversion) measures, the system of criminal sanctions (educational measures, juvenile prison sentences and security measures), the specific powers of criminal judiciary in treatment of juveniles as perpetrators of criminal offences and juveniles as victims of criminal offence and young adults – constitute the essence of a new juvenile criminal law, which is based on a number of international standards. In this paper the author has analyzed the basic characteristics of the youngest branch of the penal law.

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