

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRIMINAL AND PROCEDURAL LEGISLATION AFTER THE INDEPENDENCE OF KOSOVO

Murat Hulaj

Square “ Mentor Tolaj”, Decane , 50000, **KOSOVO**

ABSTRACT

The development of criminal and procedural legislation after the Second World War, respectively after 1945, was followed by a limited development by the fact that Kosovo at that time had not been an independent state. Therefore, its political status and criminal legislation was imposed by the authorities of the former Yugoslav system. In particular, the criminal legislation of Serbia was applied in Kosovo. Over time, Kosovo’s status had began to advance and, along with the status, the initiatives for the creation of criminal and procedural law was considered as an immediate necessity for that time, in order to protect social values from criminality. In order to better understand the creation and development of criminal legislation in Kosovo, the objective of this paper is focused on the explanation and description of the development of criminal legislation in Kosovo, divided along the following stages: First Stage: 1945-1999; Second Stage: 1999 – 2008; and the third stage: form the independence of Kosovo until today.

Keywords: Phase, changes, investigation, initial survey, deadlines, conclusions.