

## FALSELY REPORTING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE WITHIN THE LEGISLATION AND PRACTICE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

**SUMMARY:** Along with stating the point of view of legal theory and quoting judicial practice, as well as providing statistical data, in the paper the author gives a review of the legislation which proscribes the criminal offense of false accusations in the Republic of Croatia. The author points out that the purpose of this criminal offense is to enable undisturbed operation of the justice system and protect the honour and reputation of persons who are falsely accused of committing criminal offense, and concludes that the lawmaker has provided a good regulation of the said criminal offense, and the criminal justice authorities need to consistently implement the legal standards in practice.

**KEY WORDS:** *criminal charges, criminal offense, false accusations, falsely reporting a criminal offense, Republic of Croatia*

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