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**Abstract:** *Reviewing the publication Hubenák, Ladislav: Lexikón právnych dejín Slovenska [Lexicon of the Slovak Law History].*

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When prof. JUDr. PhDr. Ladislav Hubenák, DrSc. celebrated his important life jubilee some time ago, part of the law historical community was convinced that he is enjoying his well-deserved rest. Therefore was publication of the reviewed book – the first Lexicon of the Slovak Law History, even more surprising. The idea to prepare a similar book already existed in law historical community for a long time. Its realization, however, hasn't been carried out before prof. Hubenák in 2014. From our side, we should welcome the effort because the book can become a useful tool not only for law

students, but also for other possible candidates who are interested in studying law.

The structure of the book consists of three basic parts. The first part (99 pages) describes chronologically the most important events in the history of State and law from the second half of the 6<sup>th</sup> Century until 1993. The largest and key second part of the monograph (219 pages) contains comprehensive explanatory dictionary of terms which are relevant to the history of State and law. The third part covers practical overviews and tables (an overview of monarchs, Presidents, Heads of the Government and members of representative councils as well as the elec-

tion results from 1920 to 1992). From the perspective of reviewers, we focus our attention on the second part of presented book which contains explanation of relevant law historical terms. We appreciate the author's selection which was certainly influenced by his educational experiences. On the other hand, we must take a note that the selection of terms is obviously dedicated mostly to the history of State which let a little space for explanation of (as they are called nowadays) private branch institutions. In our view, it would be worth to add and include some explanations of terms dedicated to private legal branches (e.g. obligation law or *ius in re*) and their institutions (e.g. sales agreement) and present them in their historical development. Also the language of the book needs a more detailed revisal, especially terms taken from the Latin language. From the formal perspective, the book requires contents table of picked terms (for easier orientation) and also the inclusion of the reference passwords.

The book as a whole appeals to be well-arranged and can be evaluated as a valuable tool for initial orientation, not only for the law students, but also for other candidates among the scientific and lay publics. According to words of the author himself presented in preface of the book *"... this guide as all guides provides only a review of selected and specific terms because it is not possible to note down all historically important facts in such a work [...] Therefore we have chosen such terms that have not only a direct connection with the history of Slovakia and the Slovaks, but were also following the main development tendencies in our history that have some relations to the Czech and Austrian history [...] because it seems to be truth that they have been connected together and that they have affected each other directly."* From the perspective of reviewers we can state that the author managed to realize the mentioned effort in an interesting and beneficial form.

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