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# THE LEGAL ROLES AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS OF DEFENCE ATTORNEYS IN RELATION TO THE ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF OFFENDERS IN SLOVAKIA (VIS-À-VIS THE SITUATION IN THE USA AND THE EU)

### Abstract:

This paper deals with the legal roles, and to a small extent also with the professional ethics of defence attorneys in relation to the use of electronic monitoring in the criminal justice field. Its scientific aim is twofold: (1) to briefly summarize relevant results of the pilot research conducted within the Slovak-national project acronymed IAEMPS, and (2) to compare them with the relevant desk research results concerning the USA and the EU. In the concluding part, the authors open the discussion about the potential shifts of emphasis (a) from technical aspects of EM aimed at replacing imprisonment to electronically monitored probation programs as autonomous sentences; and (b) from 'traditional penal' attorneys to 'more holistic defence attorneys'.

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