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ARGUMENTATION A CONTRARIO IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Summary: *The objective of this paper is to examine the specificities of argumentation a contrario (conclusion by contradiction, reason for contradiction) in the legal areas of civil law and commercial law. Structurally, the paper first presents basic theoretical considerations on the argument a contrario and civil law and commercial law as legal areas from the position of legal theory. After introductory considerations, the authors analyze examples of court decisions in the Republic of Croatia in the field of civil and commercial law in which the argument a contrario was used, with special emphasis on decisions of commercial courts and the High Commercial Court of the Republic of Croatia. After analyzing the above examples of court decisions, the authors conclude by stating the specificities of argumentation a contrario in civil and commercial law.*

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