



# ICC PRAGUE ARBITRATION DAY 2022

HOW TO SUCCEED IN ARBITRATION ON PAPER AND IN REALITY

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## **FOREWORD**

Dear participants, distinguished speakers and guests.

We would like to heartily welcome you to the ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2022. This is our fourth annual conference after successful events in 2018, 2019, and 2021, when we had the pleasure of hosting more than 100 participants each year. We thus hope that the PAD has already been gaining its place among the major Central European arbitration events.

The main theme of this year's conference is "How to succeed in arbitration on paper and in reality", which allows us to focus on arbitration in its complexity. We will address various pre-arbitration considerations, debate about some pitfalls of emergency arbitrations, dive in an interplay between insolvency and arbitration, and discuss recent developments in recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.

But first and foremost, we will start the day with an inspirational keynote speech to be delivered by our prominent guest – Ms Claudia Salomon, who certainly does not need an introduction as the current President at the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

We believe that an outstanding expertise and experience of all our speakers will encourage you to engage in subsequent discussions. Moreover, we are pleased that we can – once again – meet in person in Prague after two years of pandemic restrictions.

More than ever, we believe that Prague is an excellent venue for international arbitration. We have experienced arbitrators, counsel, and the necessary support staff here. From our own experience, having arbitration in Prague costs parties much less compared to London, Paris, or Vienna.

We sincerely thank our sponsors who are supporting this event. We are likewise grateful for your continuous support and your decision to spend the whole day with us. Enjoy the networking coffee breaks, lunch, and cocktail reception at the end of the day. And let us all hope that our Ukrainian colleagues will join us soon. #StandWithUkraine

Enjoy the ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2022 and see you again in Prague next spring at the latest.

### **MILOŠ OLÍK**

Chairman of National Committee of the ICC Czech Republic Partner at ROWAN LEGAL



#### **ROSTISLAV PEKAŘ**

Chairman of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic Partner at Squire Patton Boggs





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9.30–9.35	MODERATOR  Mr René Cienciala – Partner at Urban & Hejduk; Secretary of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic		
9.35–9.45	OPENING SPEECH  Mr Miloš Olík – Partner at ROWAN LEGAL; Chairman at ICC Czech Republic		
9.45–10.15	KEYNOTE SPEECH  Ms Claudia Salomon – President at ICC International Court of Arbitration		
10.15–11.30	PANEL 1	PRE-TRIAL CONSIDERATIONS  Moderator  John Wilkinson – Partner and CEE/CIS Head of Disputes at EY / UK  Speakers  Heidrun Halbartschlager – Counsel at Peters Ortner Partners / AT  Michael Ostrove – Global Co-Chair of International Arbitration at DLA  Piper; Vice-President at ICC International Court of Arbitration / FR  Anne-Karin Grill – Counsel and Founder of AKG AVISORY / AT	
11.30–12.00	COFFEE BREAK		
12.00–13.15	PANEL 2	PITFALLS OF EMERGENCY ARBITRATION  Moderator  Sabrina Aïnouz – Partner at Squire Patton Boggs, Member of ICC International Court of Arbitration, Ambassador of ICC Africa Commission / FR, DZ  Speakers  Iuliana Iancu – Partner at Hanotiau & van den Berg; ICC YAF Representative for Europe / RO, BE  Jaroslav Kudrna – Head of International Arbitration and Investment Protection Unit at Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic / CZ  Lukáš Paleček – Deputy Counsel at the ICC Secretariat / CZ, FR	



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13.15–14.30	LUNCH BREAK	<b>(</b>	
14.30–15.45	PANEL 3	AN INTERPLAY BETWEEN ARBITRATION AND INSOLVENCY Moderator Dušan Sedláček – Partner at HAVEL & PARTNERS; Vice-Chairman of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic / CZ Speakers Alice Fremuth-Wolf – Head of Austria & CEE at Nivalion; former Secretary General at VIAC / AT Petr Sprinz – Counsel and Prague Head of Restructuring and Insolvency at Allen & Overy / CZ Jaroslav Brož – Managing Partner at Brož Brož Vala; Czech Insolvency Administrator with Special Authorization / CZ	
15.45–16.15	COFFEE BREAK		
16.15–17.30	PANEL 4	RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ARBITRAL AWARDS  Moderator  Michal Nuliček – Partner at ROWAN LEGAL / CZ  Speakers  Miriam Galandová – Partner at PRK Partners / SK  Karolina Rozycka – Counsel at Clifford Chance / FR  Francesco Sciaudone – Managing Partner at Grimaldi Studio Legale / IT	
16.15–17.30 17.30–17.45	CLOSING REI	MARKS  Moderator  Michal Nuliček – Partner at ROWAN LEGAL / CZ  Speakers  Miriam Galandová – Partner at PRK Partners / SK  Karolina Rozycka – Counsel at Clifford Chance / FR  Francesco Sciaudone – Managing Partner at Grimaldi Studio Legale / IT	

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

#### **CLAUDIA SALOMON**

#### President at ICC International Court of Arbitration

Claudia Salomon is the President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. She is the first woman to lead the world's most preferred arbitral institution in its almost 100-year history. Ms Salomon is also an independent arbitrator, specialising in international, investor-state and complex commercial disputes. She is widely recognised as one of the leading arbitration practitioners of her generation. Ms Salomon has experience as arbitrator and counsel in some of the most complex, high value and significant disputes. Her cases span a broad range of industry sectors, including construction, energy and natural resources (oil and gas, hydroelectric, solar, wind farm), financial services, hospitality, life sciences, technology, and telecommunications. She is particularly adept at multi-party, multi-contract claims involving complex financial agreements, post-M&A disputes and intellectual property rights. Additionally, Ms Salomon is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is a sought-after speaker and writer on international arbitration and the co-editor of Choice of Venue in International Arbitration, published by Oxford University Press. Ms Salomon is a member of the New York Bar and a solicitor in England and Wales. She graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laude, and Brandeis University, summa cum laude with honours. She also studied at Somerville College, Oxford University.



## **MODERATOR**

#### RENÉ CIENCIALA

#### Partner at Urban & Hejduk Secretary of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic

René is a partner responsible for international dispute settlement and sports law at Urban & Hejduk law firm (Prague). He has been involved in dozens of complex domestic litigation and arbitration, international commercial arbitration (ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, VIAC), investor-state arbitration (ICSID), sports arbitration (CAS), and disciplinary proceedings (UEFA). René has represented clients in 30+ arbitrations as counsel and participated in 20+ cases as arbitrator (Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Economic Chamber & Czech Agricultural Chamber, Czech Football Association). He is active in various professional associations, namely as a secretary of the Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic, a co-head of the worldwide Grimaldi Alliance Arbitration Platform, and a co-chair of the Young Czech Arbitration Professionals. René is alumni of the Charles University in Prague (Doctor of Laws) and the leading Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS).



## LIST OF SPEAKERS

#### MILOŠ OLÍK

## Partner at ROWAN LEGAL Chairman at ICC Czech Republic

Miloš Olík is the head of the dispute resolution desk at ROWAN LEGAL (Prague). His practice focuses on arbitration proceedings, investment disputes, international commercial arbitration, and various forms of ADR (mediation, negotiation).

Miloš has extensive experience as an arbitrator (e.g., ICSID, ICC and RSHKAK) and is listed, for example, with CIETAC, LCIA, VIAC, HKIAC, SAKIG, and RSHKAK. He is the Chairman of the National Committee of the ICC Czech Republic, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and a member of many professional associations and organizations.

He has led legal teams advising clients in both investment disputes and commercial arbitration (ICC, LCIA, SCC, ICSID, UNCITRAL etc.).

Miloš has been repeatedly highly recommended as both an arbitrator and counsel by Who's Who Legal, Chambers Global, and Chambers Europe. Miloš has recently been ranked in Band 2 for Dispute Resolution in Chambers Global Guide 2022 and by Chambers Europe Guide 2022 in Band 2 for Arbitration Counsel and as Most in Demand Arbitrators.



#### **JOHN WILKINSON**

#### Partner and CEE/CIS Head of Disputes at EY

John is the EY Global Transaction Forensics and Integrity Diligence Leader and EY Disputes & Claims Leader across the CEE/CIS region. He has close to 30 years of experience in leading major dispute, forensic diligence, investigation and regulatory compliance assignments globally in the financial services, energy and industrial products sectors.

A fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW), John has led forensics and deals businesses across Continental Europe, Russia (CEE) and the Middle East.

John specialises in forensic accounting analysis for both civil disputes and criminal matters, including the provision of expert witness reporting and testimony. He has been appointed as an independent expert witness in more than 60 criminal and civil (litigation and arbitration) cases and has acted as the agreed adjudicator in a wide variety of purchase price disputes. His experience of forensic accounting stretches back over 30 years including contentious valuations, construction claims, claims for loss of profits and damages due to contractual breaches, insurance



claims, purchase price determinations as well as complex multinational bribery & corruption investigations, false accounting and financial misrepresentation reviews, procurement fraud investigations, securities and banking fraud, asset misappropriation and in conducting forensic due diligence work both pre- and post- acquisition.

#### **HEIDRUN HALBARTSCHLAGER**

#### **Counsel at Peters Ortner Partners**

Dr. Heidrun Halbartschlager focuses her practice on international commercial arbitration. She has represented clients in disputes governed by various substantive and procedural laws and acts as counsel as well as arbitrator in ad hoc as well as institutional arbitrations, including under the ICC, LCIA and Vienna Rules. Heidrun Halbartschlager has experience in disputes across a range of commercial and industrial sectors, including inter alia energy, construction and telecommunications.

Heidrun Halbartschlager is consistently recognized in Who's Who Legal: Arbitration — Future Leaders as well as in the Rising Stars Expertise: Commercial Arbitration category by The Expert Guides. She has also been included by Legal 500 into its Arbitration Powerlist: Central and Eastern Europe.

She is admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law (Rechtsanwältin) in Austria.



#### **MICHAEL OSTROVE**

## Global Co-Chair of International Arbitration at DLA Piper Vice-President at ICC International Court of Arbitration

Michael Ostrove is the Global Co-Chair of DLA Piper's International Arbitration group and a Vice-President of the ICC's International Court of Arbitration. He is also a Member of the World Bank Sanctions Board and an adjunct professor at the University of Paris II. A member of the Paris and New York bars, Michael has nearly 30 years' experience handling international commercial arbitrations, investment arbitrations and other public international law disputes.

Michael has advised on a wide range of arbitration matters – including English and French language cases administered by the ICC, ICSID, the LCIA, and the PCA, as well as ad hoc arbitrations pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the OHADA Uniform Arbitration Act. He has extensive experience in corruption investigations, advising both multinational corporations and state authorities.



#### **ANNE-KARIN GRILL**

#### Counsel and Founder of AKG ADVISORY

Anne-Karin Grill is an Austria qualified attorney and specializes in international dispute prevention and resolution. She has a proven track-record as counsel in both commercial and ISDS arbitration settings. She also disposes of first-hand experience in hybrid ADR process design. As an IMI certified mediation advocate, Anne-Karin accompanies clients in negotiation and solution-generating processes, managing party dynamics and assisting in the formulation of legally sustainable solutions. As a CEDR accredited mediator, she acts as neutral in multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes and is also active in investor-state mediation. Her arbitrator work focuses predominantly on multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes. Anne-Karin is a member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, the Mediation Advisory Board of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre, and the Board of the Austrian Arbitration Association. She also listed as ICSID Conciliator.



#### **SABRINA AÏNOUZ**

Partner at Squire Patton Boggs Member of ICC International Court of Arbitration Ambassador of ICC Africa Commission

Sabrina Aïnouz, a dual French-Algerian national, is a partner at Squire Patton Boggs in Paris. She represents States, state-owned entities and private sector companies in investor-State and commercial arbitrations in a variety of fields, with a focus on oil and gas, mining, construction, telecommunications and general commercial disputes. She has represented clients in arbitrations under all major arbitration rules, including ICC, ICSID, SCC and UNCITRAL rules. She also acts as counsel in proceedings for the enforcement and annulment of international arbitral awards before French courts.

Sabrina is a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, representing Algeria, and an ambassador of the ICC Africa Commission. Since December 2021, Sabrina is also a vice-president of the Paris Arbitration Week association.



#### **IULIANA IANCU**

## Partner at Hanotiau & van den Berg ICC YAF Reppresentative for Europe

A Romanian national, Iuliana has over ten years of experience in international arbitration. She has acted as arbitrator, counsel and tribunal secretary. Her experience includes high-stakes and complex international commercial and investment arbitrations, both ad hoc and under a variety of arbitration rules (ICC, CEPANI, ICSID, UNCITRAL, NAI). These spanned various industry sectors, such as banking, telecommunications, insurance, energy, infrastructure, information technology, construction, mining, distribution, luxury and pharmaceuticals.

Iuliana is a lecturer at the University of Bucharest's International Arbitration LL.M., teaching Comparative International Commercial Arbitration. She has been praised by Who's Who Legal – Arbitration as one of the Future Leaders in the arbitration community. Iuliana holds an LL.M. degree from Columbia Law School. She is admitted to practice in Bucharest and is registered with the Brussels Bar. She speaks English, French and Romanian.



#### **JAROSLAV KUDRNA**

## Head of International Arbitration and Investment Protection Unit at Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic

Dr. Jaroslav Kudrna is the Head of the International Arbitration and Investment Protection Unit at the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic. He defends the Republic in investment arbitrations, negotiates BITs on its behalf and represents it in international forums. Prior to joining the Ministry, Dr. Kudrna worked several years as an associate in the International Arbitration group of White & Case in New York where he focused on investment and commercial arbitration. Dr. Kudrna obtained a PhD in public international law at Charles University in Prague, an LLM in International Business Regulation, Litigation and Arbitration at New York University and Masters of Laws at the University of Strasbourg and Sciences Po Paris. Dr. Kudrna has passed the New York Bar and Paris Bar exams



#### LUKÁŠ PALEČEK

#### **Deputy Counsel at the ICC Secretariat**

Lukáš is Deputy Counsel at the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris, where he currently serves in the Case Management Team dealing primarily with matters from the MENA region. Prior to joining the ICC Court in 2017, Lukáš trained with the Prague-based general practice led by Mr David Uhlíř and later worked in international law firms in London and Paris focusing on international arbitration. Lukáš is a Czech qualified lawyer and graduate from the international arbitration LLM in Versailles (MACI).



#### **DUŠAN SEDLÁČEK**

#### Partner at HAVEL & PARTNERS

#### Vice-Chairman of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic

Dušan Sedláček is a leading specialist in domestic and international litigation and arbitration. He represents Czech and foreign clients, acting for both claimants and defendants. In addition, he serves as an arbitrator and expert in proceedings under ICC rules and acts as a mediator. Dušan has extensive experience with disputes primarily in the construction sector, but also with disputes concerning financial transactions, data protection and the transport industry. He focuses primarily on advice concerning the protection of cross-border investments and the preparation of structured arbitration clauses, preprocedural advice, proceedings concerning the annulment of arbitration clauses, out-ofcourt settlements, and the recognition and enforcement of arbitration awards. He represented a Slovak bank in connection with an international investment arbitration concerning the restructuring of the Greek state debt. The international publication Chambers & Partners recommends Dušan as a leading expert in dispute resolution and insolvency law. He is also recommended as a litigation expert by Legal 500.



#### **ALICE FREMUTH-WOLF**

#### Head of Austria & CEE at Nivalion Former Secretary General at VIAC

Alice Fremuth-Wolf is Market Head for Austria & the CEE region at Nivalion. Before joining Nivalion, Alice was Secretary General of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) for 10 years. She is a lecturer for arbitration at the Institute of Civil Procedure Law at the Law Faculty of Vienna University, and frequently acts as guest lecturer. She has authored numerous articles and books on arbitration and ADR. In addition to her academic career, she worked as an associate for the leading law firms Wolf Theiss and Baker McKenzie in Vienna where she passed the Austrian bar exam, acting as counsel and arbitrator in international arbitration and mediation cases. Alice graduated in law from Vienna University (Mag. iur.), holds a PhD in law (Dr. iur.) and an LL.M. degree (London School of Economics). She is also a trained mediator and mediation advocate. Alice speaks German and English.



#### **PETR SPRINZ**

#### Counsel and Prague Head of Restructuring and Insolvency at Allen & Overy

Petr specialises in restructuring and insolvency and represents clients in judicial and arbitration proceedings and complex cross-border transactions. He is also a registered arbitrator at Czech and foreign arbitration institutions. During his career, Petr has represented international and local financial institutions and other clients in insolvency proceedings, incidental disputes and asset acquisitions, including portfolios of receivables. He is the leader of a team of authors of a commentary on the Insolvency Act. Petr has also written articles and given lectures on insolvency in the Czech Republic and abroad. As a member of the working groups of the Ministry of Justice, Petr participates in the implementation of the Directive on Restructuring and Insolvency and has also prepared a part of Czech insolvency legislation responding to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic. Petr has also assisted in the preparation of a number comparative publications for INSOL Europe and the World Bank.

Client commentators describe Petr as "an experienced and businessoriented insolvency lawyer with a very proactive approach towards the

client", adding, "He is always well prepared for every meeting and able to fight for us with all the necessary legal ammunition." CHAMBERS 2021



#### **JAROSLAV BROŽ**

#### Managing Partner at Brož Brož Vala Czech Insolvency Administrator with Special Authorization

Jaroslav is grandson of RAF pilot in the 2WW, son of barrister and former Constitutional court judge and Supreme Court Chief Justice. He is partner at BROŽ BROŽ VALA and 1/30 special licensed insolvency administrators, making him eligible as liquidator/insolvency administrator of financial institutions (banks & investment funds & large corporations). Jaroslav is holder of Czech National Authority clearance; member of INSOL EUROPE & Czech Bar Association – insolvency advisory board; examiner of insolvency administrators at Ministry of Justice; co-author of Insolvency act commentary (Wolters Kluwer). He received top tier foreign mandates including BIT arbitration. His notable insolvency mandates are Pilsen Steel group with filled CZK22,9bln. claims or EMTC group with filled CZK6,3blm. claims.



#### **MICHAL NULÍČEK**

#### Partner at ROWAN LEGAL

Michal is a commercial lawyer with extensive experience in representing clients not only before the Czech regulators, other authorities and courts (including the Supreme Court, Supreme Administrative Court, and Constitutional Court), but also before European courts. He also focuses on arbitration and regulatory acts as an arbitrator or party representative. He is listed with the Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the IAPP (International Association of Privacy Professionals) and is a Certified Privacy Professional (CIPP/E).

Michal Nulíček focuses on IT and IP law, personal data protection, competition law, and all regulatory and compliance areas.

Michal is a frequent speaker at local and international conferences, the lead author of the first Czech commentary on the GDPR, a commentary on the Czech Personal Data Processing Act, co-author of the ASPI Arbitration Navigator (Wolters Kluwer), and co-author of a number of other publications.



Michal has been ranked in Band 2 for TMT and Compliance by Chambers Europe 2022.

#### MIRIAM GALANDOVÁ

#### Partner at PRK Partners

Miriam is partner in PRK Partners in Bratislava where she leads dispute resolution practice. Prior to joining PRK Partners, she worked for Arthur Andersen and White & Case.

Miriam is regularly acting as counsel or arbitrator in arbitrations under ICC, VIAC, UNCITRAL Rules and Rules of the Arbitration Court of Slovak Bar Association. Besides litigation and arbitration, Miriam's practice concentrates on legal advice on tax, real estates and infrastructure projects. She is among the leading Slovak lawyers and repeatedly recommended by independent international rating publications such as Chambers Europe.

Miriam an attorney at law and currently leads the Civil Code Task Force at the American-Slovak Chamber of Commerce. She is Vice-president of the Slovak Chamber of Tax Advisors.



#### **KAROLINA ROZYCKA**

#### **Counsel at Clifford Chance**

Karolina Rozycka is a counsel in Clifford Chance's international arbitration group based in Paris. Karolina's practice focuses on international commercial and investment arbitration as well as annulment proceedings and enforcement actions in France. She has extensive experience both as counsel and as administrative secretary to arbitral tribunals (ICC, LCIA, ADCCAC, Swiss Chambers). Karolina's core experience includes commodities and mining, energy and resources, aerospace, electronics, construction and general contract/commercial disputes. She regularly speaks and writes on arbitration-related issues, including on recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards. She also currently lectures at Sciences Po Law School and Paris II Panthéon Assas in the area of arbitration and is part of the Steering Committee of the Concours d'Arbitrage International de Paris. Karolina is admitted to practice in both Paris and New York. She is recognized as a "One to Watch" by Best Lawyers in France.



#### FRANCESCO SCIAUDONE

#### Managing Partner at Grimaldi Studio Legale

Francesco Sciaudone is the Founding and Managing Partner of the Grimaldi law firm and the Grimaldi Alliance, an international network of over 2000 professionals in more than 60 jurisdictions worldwide. Mr. Sciaudone finalised in January this year a strategic cooperation agreement with Yingke Law Firm, a leading law firm in China and in Asia-Pacific, with their 12.000 professionals and their 103 offices.

He is a widely recognised expert in the European domestic and international markets, especially in European and commercial law. He has a well-known experience in regulated sectors at national and international level. He regularly advises financial institutions, public administrations, corporations and multinational groups, both in and out of court and in arbitration. He regularly advises clients before national and European courts. He is a regular awardee as top lawyer at national and international level.

Francesco Sciaudone has in-depth and specific experience in various areas of law, including Infrastructure, Transport, Energy, Finance, Public Procurement and Utilities.



#### **ROSTISLAV PEKAŘ**

Partner at Squire Patton Boggs Chairman of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic Member of the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators

Rostislav Pekař is a partner in the Prague and Paris offices of Squire Patton Boggs. Rostislav's main practice focus is international and domestic arbitration and litigation. He co-heads Squire's global investment arbitration practice. Rostislav has represented his clients in more than 25 major international commercial arbitrations and more than 40 investment arbitrations. Rostislav has appeared before all leading international arbitration institutions such as ICC, ICSID, VIAC, SCC and LCIA, and also has extensive experience with ad hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL rules. Rostislav has been listed as a leading individual for dispute resolution in the Czech Republic in major legal guides since 2012. Rostislav is fluent in Czech, English and French and has a very good working knowledge of Polish, Russian and Spanish.



## **ORGANIZER**

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local expertise. With twenty-five years of experience in the Czech Republic we have a broad understanding of the local and Central and Eastern European markets being an integral part of our CEE network. We have close working-relationships with colleagues from across the region and with partner law firms in neighboring countries. The firm's reach in the region is further expanded by foreign law desks, such as our Prague-based Slovak desk which features a team of lawyers with expert knowledge and practical experience of Slovak law.

Our global network provides an exceptional platform for handling major cross-border disputes and in recent years we have helped our clients to achieve success in some of the most complex international disputes and investigations. We offer a seamless, integrated service across our network of offices for cross-border disputes and investigations, with expertise in individual jurisdictions but also an understanding of the interplay between different legal systems and regulations.

#### **DLA PIPER**

DLA Piper is a global law firm with presence in the Czech Republic and other CEE countries, as well as the rest of Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific. Thanks to our worldwide position on the market, we help our clients with their legal needs wherever they do business. Our global International Arbitration practice has over 250 arbitration professionals based in both established arbitration centres around the world and in key growing markets, including the CEE region. Our market position allows us to deliver a single team working across multiple



jurisdictions – providing both around-the-clock responsiveness and the local knowledge critical to resolving international disputes. Besides the arbitration practice, we work on mergers and acquisitions, litigation, employment, energy, hospitality and leisure, insurance, intellectual property and have developed key teams in real estate, private equity, pensions, tax, and technology. In 2021, DLA Piper was once again recognized among the global elite for International Arbitration in Global Arbitration Review's annual rankings of the world's most active arbitration practices.

#### **EY**

At EY, our purpose is Building a better working world. The insights and quality services we provide help build trust and confidence in the capital markets and in economies the world over. Through our four integrated service lines — Assurance, Consulting, Strategy and Transactions, and Tax — and our deep sector knowledge, we help our clients to capitalize on new opportunities and assess and manage risk to deliver responsible growth. EY Forensic & Integrity Services professionals help organizations protect and restore enterprise and financial reputation. We assist companies and their legal counsel to investigate facts, resolve disputes and



manage regulatory challenges. We put integrity at the heart of compliance programs to help better manage ethical and reputational risks. Our integrated approach ranges from enhancements in areas of perceived weakness or issues — including governance, controls, culture and data insights — to full organizational design and structural implementation.

#### **HAVEL & PARTNERS**

HAVEL & PARTNERS, with offices in Prague, Brno, Bratislava, Pilsen, Olomouc, and Ostrava, has a team of 290 lawyers and tax advisors, approx. 180 associates and 500 employees in total and is the largest independent law firm in Central Europe. The firm's clients include large inter-



national companies, leading Czech and Slovak firms, including strategic state-owned companies and public sector authorities, as well as medium-size businesses, individual entrepreneurs, and investors (for a total of 2,500 clients).

HAVEL & PARTNERS has the largest team of dispute resolution attorneys in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Our team of highly qualified lawyers provides the most comprehensive services at the highest level in all types of proceedings, areas of legal specialisation and all areas of business. The firm assists its clients in all phases of arbitration disputes, including the preparation of structured arbitration clauses, giving pre-procedural advice, advising on proceedings concerning the annulment of arbitration awards, out-of-court settlements, and the recognition and enforcement of arbitration awards.

HAVEL & PARTNERS is the most successful law firm based on the total number of all nominations and awards in all years of the Law Firm of the Year awards. It is also the best law firm in the Czech Republic according to prestigious global rating agencies Chambers and Partners (2020, 2021) and Who's Who Legal (2018–2021).

#### **PRK PARTNERS**

PRK Partners, a leading law firm in Central Europe, has been helping its clients achieve their business objectives for almost 30 years now.

The team at PRK Partners offers a wide range of expertise. We provide fast, reliable and cost-effective support through litigation or arbitration. We believe that the keys to dispute resolution are specialisation and teamwork.



Our attorneys are specialists in areas such as banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, labour law and litigation. Thanks to our interdisciplinary approach, our team can provide legal advice to clients and represent them in a wide range of proceedings.

We are the only Czech firm in the renowned Lex Mundi network. This enables us to solve complex cross-border matters efficiently.

We have been named the 2021 Best Law Firm of the Year in the Labour Law and in Banking & Finance categories in the most recognised law firm competition in the Czech Republic, which is organized by EPRAVO.CZ under the auspices of the Czech Bar Association. We also received the 2020 Best Law Firm of the Year award in the Pro Bono and Corporate Law categories, as well as the 2019 Best Law Firm of the Year title.

#### **ROWAN LEGAL**

ROWAN LEGAL is one of the leading Czech and Slovak law firms. Founded in 1990, it draws on its more than 30 years of experience when advising clients. Our clients include some of the largest national and international corporations and public institutions, to which the firm provides comprehensive legal support on everything from corporate housekeeping to key projects.



ROWAN LEGAL is known for its strong knowledge and vast experience in international investment arbitration, commercial international and domestic arbitration, litigation and mediation. Having several arbitrators onboard, we are proud to provide our clients not only with first-class counsel, but also an arbitrator's perspective thanks to the unique expertise of our attorneys, who also act as arbitrators in arbitration proceedings under the rules of various institutions (i.e. ICSID, ICC, LCIA, SCC, VIAC, the Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic, and SCIA) and ad hoc rules (i.e. UNCITRAL).

Apart from the area of dispute resolution, our attorneys are approached with confidence by parties seeking high level legal services in IT and media, telecommunications, privacy and data protection, corporate law and commercial law, intellectual property and competition (including public procurement).

ROWAN LEGAL is proud to receive exceptional rankings every year in prestigious international rankings like The L500, Chambers and Partners, Chambers and Partners Global and Czech Legal Firm of the Year for its expertise in Dispute Resolution & Arbitration, Compliance, TMT, Intellectual Property, Public Procurement Projects & Energy. ROWAN LEGAL is the exclusive member of MULTILAW for the Czech Republic and Slovakia and NGL Symbio, which enables us to assist our clients with cross-border issues.

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