

# ICC PRAGUE ARBITRATION DAY 2025

**INSIGHTS FROM EUROPE AND THE USA  
ON MODERN ARBITRATION AND ADR**

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# FOREWORD

Dear participants, distinguished speakers, and guests,

We welcome you to ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2025, which is the seventh edition of this conference. Our event is, as it seems, the go-to annual conference for international arbitration in Prague. As in previous years, we bring together national and international arbitration practitioners to exchange ideas and insights about current topics in international arbitration, as well as the state of the world in which arbitration takes place.

Our 2025 conference focuses on arbitration in the United States of America and Europe, as well as on ADR. This is because of the strong economic, financial, personal, and political ties between Central Europe, and specifically the Czech Republic, and the United States. Furthermore, the positive economic outlook and the various business incentives in the US motivate many European companies to do business in the US, especially as trade with partners to the east of Central Europe has become impossible or difficult. Many talented young professionals are still drawn to the US to build their careers. Also, there seems to be a natural, personal, and close affiliation between Central Europeans and Americans, and the respect is mutual.

At the same time, legal developments in the US and Europe do not necessarily go hand-in-hand; practice and regulation differ. European companies and entrepreneurs need to know these differences when a dispute arises. Finally, I believe that discussing the current hot topics in arbitration from the perspective of both the US and Europe is simply the best way to stay abreast of developments in the arbitration world.

I am very delighted that Ms. Sarah Vasani, Co-Head of International Arbitration and Head of Investor State Dispute Resolution at CMS Cameron Mc Kenna Nabarro Olswang has accepted our invitation to give the keynote address. She is uniquely qualified to give us an in-depth overview on current arbitration topics on both sides of the Atlantic.

Our panels will, I hope, address topics in today's practice and day to day life. For instance, a look at arbitration practice in both a large law firm and a small boutique firm can give insight into how arbitration is managed today. Does artificial intelligence give the small boutique firms an advantage because they have more resources available than before?

Challenging and the enforcement of awards, evidence taking, and document production are not technical matters, but key issues for any arbitration participant. In particular, companies and businesspeople activating arbitration clauses in their contracts desire confidence in arbitral institutions and tribunals to issue awards that will not be successfully challenged and will be enforceable anywhere in the world. At the same time, they may wish to know exactly how long it takes to challenge an award, what the chances are, and how an award can be enforced. You will find answers to these questions and much more.

Finally, we want to focus on Alternative Dispute Resolution, in particular mediation. This is a particularly interesting area for a comparison between the US and Europe, both in terms of legal frameworks, but also in terms of mindset and acceptability in business. Please do not miss it as ADR is growing quickly in Central Europe as well.

Our conference brings together business people, academics, colleagues from the public sector, and private arbitration practitioners. Most of all, it's a meeting of friends, old and new. And it's a unique opportunity to brush up on arbitration skills in doing so.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to our sponsors who have generously supported this event. We are also thankful for your unwavering support and for choosing to spend the entire day with us.

I wish you an enjoyable ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2025 and I cannot wait to meet you all.

**MAREK PROCHÁZKA**

**Vice-Chairman of the Commission  
on International Arbitration at ICC Czech Republic**



9.00–9.30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
9.30–9.35	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> <b>Mr Viktor Glatz</b> • Associate at PRK Partners • Secretary of the Commission on International Arbitration at ICC Czech Republic • CZ	
9.35–9.45	<b>OPENING SPEECH</b> <b>Mr Marek Procházka</b> • Partner at PRK Partners • Vice-Chairman of the Commission on International Arbitration at ICC Czech Republic • CZ	
9.45–10.00	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> <b>Ms Sarah Vasani</b> • Partner, Co-Head of International Arbitration and Head of Investor State Dispute Resolution at CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP • Alternate Member, ICC International Court of Arbitration • USA	
10.00–11.15	1st PANEL	<b>PRACTICE AS ARBITRATOR IN A LARGE FIRM AND AS INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER IN A BOUTIQUE FIRM – CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND OTHER CHALLENGES</b> <b>Mr Christopher Chinn</b> • Partner at Chinn Arbitration • USA / FR <b>Ms Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz</b> • Senior Partner at Gessel • PL <b>Mr Dušan Sedláček</b> • Partner at Havel & Partners • Executive Board Member, ICC Czech Republic • CZ <b>Ms Lucia Raimanová</b> • Co-Managing Partner of Bratislava at A&O Shearmann • SK / UK
11.15–11.45	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11.45–13.00	2nd PANEL	<b>CHALLENGING AND ENFORCEMENT OF AWARDS</b> <b>Ms Olena Perepelynska</b> • Partner at Integrites • UKR <b>Mr Ulrich Kopetzki</b> • Acting Director for Europe, ICC Dispute Resolution Services • AT <b>Ms Marie Talašová</b> • Counsel at Wolf Theiss • CZ <b>Mr Petr Polášek</b> • Partner at White & Case • USA / CZ

13.00–14.15	LUNCH BREAK	
14.15–15.30	3rd PANEL	<b>EVIDENCE TAKING AND DOCUMENT PRODUCTION</b> <b>Ms Sarah Lemoine</b> • Senior Associate at Clifford Chance • CAN / GER <b>Ms Chloe Mears</b> • Legal Director at DLA Piper • UK <b>Mr Flavio Peter</b> • Partner at Peter & Kim • CH <b>Mr Matej Pustay</b> • Partner at Squire Patton Boggs • ICC YAAF Representative • SK / CZ
15.30–16.00	COFFEE BREAK	
16.00–17.15	4th PANEL	<b>MEDIATION AND OTHER TYPES OF ADR – IS IT EVER TOO LATE TO DE-ESCALATE?</b> <b>Mr Chris Clements</b> • Partner at Deloitte • UK / UAE <b>Ms Aisha Nadar</b> • Partner at Advokatfirman Runeland • EGY / SWE / USA <b>Mr Leon Kopecky</b> • Partner at Schönherr • AT <b>Ms Anne-Karin Grill</b> • Founder and Principal at AKG Advisory • AT
17.15–17.20	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <b>Ms Jitka Haubová</b> • Chief Operations Officer at Komerční banka • Executive Board member, ICC • Chair, ICC Czech Republic • CZ	
18.30+	EVENING COCKTAIL	

# MODERATOR

## VIKTOR GLATZ

**Associate • PRK Partners**  
**Secretary • Commission on International Arbitration at ICC**  
**Czech Republic**

Viktor Glatz is an attorney specialising in litigation, arbitration, enforcement and insolvency proceedings, and is a member of the litigation team at PRK Partners. He has experience with a number of cross-border court disputes and arbitrations. He also provides complex legal advice to clients in other areas, including corporate law or contract and obligation law. Viktor earned his Master's (Mgr.) degree in law from the Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague (2017). As part of his studies Viktor spent one semester at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands and gained experience through an internship in a prestigious law firm in London. Viktor has been with PRK Partners since 2014.



# LIST OF SPEAKERS

## CHRIS CLEMENTS

**Partner • Deloitte**

Chris is a partner in Deloitte's forensic accounting specialising in dispute assignments as an expert witness, expert determiner, mediator and arbitrator working across the globe.

He has specialised in forensic accounting since 1996 and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and holds a Joint Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from Durham University. He is a Member of The Expert Witness Institute, the Academy of Experts, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Chris has been included as a leading Expert Witness by the Lexology Index (formerly Who's Who Legal) for International Arbitration Expert Witnesses, Commercial Litigation Expert Witnesses (where he is listed as a thought leader), Forensic Accounting and Investigations Forensic Accountants.



## BEATA GESSEL-KALINOWSKA VEL KALISZ

### Senior Partner • Gessel

**Dr hab. Beata Gessel-Kalinowska vel Kalisz, Professor INP PAN, International Arbitrator, founding partner of GESSEL.** Beata specialises in international arbitration and commercial law, particularly in M&A and private equity, combining deep legal expertise with a strong insight of construction, energy and international trade sectors. Her ability to effectively communicate across jurisdictions and thorough understanding of arbitration procedures have made her a frequent choice for complex, high-stakes cases, resulting in a portfolio of over 170 arbitration proceedings.

Alongside her practice, she is actively engaged in academia at the Polish Academy of Sciences, where she heads the newly established Centre for Comparative Private Law Studies, ensuring a forward-thinking approach to evolving legal frameworks in arbitration. Beata has significant institutional experience, serving as a Court Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague (2024–), a Member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (2015–2021), and Honorary President of the Lewiatan Arbitration Court. She is also a chair and initiator of the conference series "Dispute Resolution in M&A Transactions".



## ANNE-KARIN GRILL

### Founder and Principal • AKG Advisory

Anne-Karin specializes in international dispute prevention and resolution. She has a proven track-record as counsel in both commercial and ISDS arbitration settings, acting for both States and private investors. She also has 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 on multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes. Anne-Karin currently serves as President of the Austrian Arbitration Association (ArbAut). She also sits on the Mediation Advisory Board of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) and is a member of the Panel of Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). In 2022, the European Commission selected her for its pool of arbitrators for appointment in bilateral disputes under EU trade agreements with third countries. In 2024, Anne-Karin completed her second consecutive term as member of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Before qualifying as an attorney, Anne-Karin worked in the legal advisory department of the Austrian diplomatic mission to the United Nations (UN) in New York.



## JITKA HAUBOVÁ

**Chief Operations Officer at Komerční banka**  
**• Executive Board member, ICC • Chair, ICC Czech Republic**

Jitka Haubová graduated from the University of Economics in Prague majoring in finance and accounting, completed a Financial Management course at Galilee College in Israel, obtained a certificate as a structural fund's specialist from the European Commission and is a certified international auditor for quality processes. Jitka began her professional career at the Czech Government agency for support of trade CzechTrade where she also served as CEO. She co-owned a family café and restaurant for several years. Jitka joined KB's Trade Finance department in 2006. Since 2012 she has held various managerial roles in corporate and municipal Banking, which it has managed for the last four years. Jitka currently acts as an Executive Board Member of ICC and Chair of ICC Czech Republic.



## CHRISTOPHER CHINN

**Partner • Chinn Arbitration**

Born and raised in Hawai'i, Christopher Chinn, FCIArb, is a Franco-American arbitrator and counsel admitted in Paris, England & Wales, and New York.

Christopher has been involved on the counsel side of international arbitrations at leading law firms in New York and Paris since 1999 and has acted as arbitrator since 2019 under the rules of the DIAC, HKIAC, ICC, KCAB, SAKIG, and Swiss Arbitration Centre under common law and civil law legal systems in the French and English languages. Matters as arbitrator have included disputes in the construction, energy and commercial sectors involving States, individuals and international corporations. Christopher speaks Polish on a conversational level and has arbitrated disputes in Eastern Europe in addition to Western Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Christopher has run his own boutique practice as arbitrator and counsel based in Paris since 2017. [www.chinnarbitration.com](http://www.chinnarbitration.com)

He is Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the European Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and has been admitted to numerous institutional lists of arbitrators.





## LEON KOPECKÝ

### Partner • Schoenherr

Leon Kopecký is a partner in the Vienna office of Schoenherr. Before joining Schoenherr, Leon practiced international arbitration at Freshfields and Skadden in London, New York, and Vienna. With Leon as lead counsel, Schoenherr recorded several victories in high-profile investment cases, including in an ICSID dispute of a Cypriot investor against the Republic of Serbia. Currently, Leon acts as lead counsel for a Swiss investor in a CHF 150m investment claim against Serbia; for a French investor in a EUR 40m investment claim against the Czech Republic; and for the Austrian energy operator KELAG in an investment claim against Romania under the ECT, amongst other investment matters. Besides investor-state arbitrations, Leon represents corporate entities in many high-stakes commercial arbitrations. Leon often acts as arbitrator under the ICC, VIAC, WIPO and other rules, as well as in ad-hoc arbitration proceedings.



## ULRICH KOPETZKI

### Acting Director for Europe • ICC Dispute Resolution Services

Ulrich is an Austrian lawyer and the Acting Director for Europe for ICC Dispute Resolution Services. Ulrich graduated from the law school of the University of Vienna. Afterwards, he worked in the arbitration department of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and at the Secretariat of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris. At the ICC, he previously worked as Deputy Counsel and as Counsel of the German speaking case management team and the Eastern European case management team. Finally, Ulrich has a passion for negotiation and mediation, which he teaches at various European universities. He was a Visiting Scholar at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Chicago, where he conducted negotiation research.



## SARAH LEMOINE

### Senior Associate • Clifford Chance

Sarah Lemoine represents clients in international arbitration proceedings under a variety of institutional rules and advises on both commercial and investor-state disputes.

Her practice concentrates on complex, large-scale disputes with a focus on the energy sector. Sarah has practiced in Germany since 2013. She is also qualified to practice law in British Columbia and England and Wales.



## CHLOE MEARS

### Legal Director • DLA Piper

Chloe Mears, Legal Director in DLA Piper's London office, is a highly experienced international arbitration lawyer. Having acted for many of the firm's key clients in high-value, multi-jurisdictional disputes across a range of sectors, Chloe's recent work has primarily been in the energy and telecoms sectors.

Chloe has significant experience in international arbitrations administered by the major arbitral institutions. Her work has included representing clients in ICC, LCIA, SIAC and SCC arbitrations seated in the leading arbitral jurisdictions of Paris, London, Stockholm and Singapore.



## AISHA NADAR

### Partner • Advokatfirman Runeland

Aisha is active in international construction and dispute resolution. For thirty-five years she has handled all phases of project implementation. She advises clients on strategic procurement planning, contract drafting, contract management and dispute resolution. She acts as arbitrator, mediator, and Dispute Board member. She is listed on the Panel of Conciliators at ICSID and is a vice chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. She served as a member of the FIDIC Board, responsible for the Contracts Committee (2016-2020) and has carried out dispute resolution assignments for organizations such as the World Bank, USAID and US DoD. She holds a BS in Electrical Engineering, an MBA and an LL.M. in International Commercial Dispute Resolution.



## OLENA PEREPELYNKA

### Partner • Integrates

Olena Perepelynska is a Partner and Head of Arbitration at INTEGRITES law firm in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Over 20 years of her arbitration career she has participated in 200+ arbitrations related mainly to the CEE or Central Asia regions as an arbitrator, counsel, legal expert. She also performed administrative functions in various arbitral institutions, including ICC Court (2018–2024) and TIAC Court (2019–2022).

Olena serves as Co-Chair of the Eastern Europe Group of the IBA Arbitration Committee, Chair of ADR committee of the Ukrainian National Bar Association, UAA Board Member, TAA Board Member, ArbCEE Board Member, Member of the Global Steering Committee of the ERA-PLEDGE, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as UAA President in 2016–2024.



## FLAVIO PETER

### Partner • Peter & Kim

Flavio is a partner with Peter&Kim in Zurich specializing in international and domestic arbitration and related litigation proceedings, including enforcement and attachment proceedings before local courts and setting aside proceedings before the Swiss Federal Supreme Court. Flavio primarily acts as party representative in disputes arising under construction contracts, international sales contracts, disputes concerning long term gas supply contracts, but also agency and distribution agreements, joint venture contracts, and post-M&A disputes.

Flavio regularly also sits as chairman, sole arbitrator or co-arbitrator and has gained vast experience as administrative secretary to arbitral tribunals in several international and domestic arbitration proceedings (conducted in accordance with the ICC Arbitration and ADR Rules, Swiss Rules, UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, SCC Rules, VIAC Rules, DIS Rules as well as in ad hoc proceedings). During his career Flavio has acted in approx. 50 arbitrations under a variety of substantive laws, including in particular the laws of Switzerland, England and Wales, Turkey, Germany, Austria, Italy, Sweden, the US (e.g. Delaware and California), and of course under the CISG. Flavio is a member of the Swiss Arbitration Marketing Committee, member of the ICC Swiss Arbitration Commission, and a Fellow of the CI Arb.



## PETR POLÁŠEK

### Partner • White & Case

Petr focuses on investment treaty arbitration, international commercial arbitration, public international law, and the protection of foreign investments. Petr has a successful track record of advising clients in complex international disputes and international arbitrations before various arbitration institutions concerning a number of industrial sectors such as mining and mineral processing, satellites, electricity generation, supply and distribution, photovoltaic (solar) power generation, telecommunications, oil & gas, real estate, chemicals, banking, waste management, airport construction, port management, duty-free services, and sovereign debt.

Petr's pro bono work includes asylum and veteran benefits cases.

Petr was educated in the Czech Republic and the United States. He started his legal career with White & Case LLP's Prague office and relocated to the Firm's Washington, DC office in 2003.



## MAREK PROCHÁZKA

**Partner • PRK Partners**

**Vice-Chairman • Commission on International Arbitration at ICC Czech Republic**

Marek Prochazka is a founding Partner of PRK Partners specialising in dispute resolution (arbitration, mediation), banking law, mergers and acquisitions.

Marek was educated in Switzerland and the United States before practicing in the Czech Republic. After graduating from the University of Bern, he worked in the Department of Banking Law in the university's law faculty. Afterwards, he obtained a Master's degree (LL.M.) from Georgetown University Law Center, in Washington D.C.

Marek is an experienced lawyer with a longstanding practice and, and his approach to resolving complex cases integrates various fields of law and other disciplines. Recent cases involve international litigations and arbitrations in various jurisdictions, regulatory advice to banks, and a number of successful mergers and acquisitions. Marek is an attorney at law of the Czech Bar Association, and he is also admitted in Switzerland, where he still practices on behalf of some Czech clients. Marek has been recommended as a leading practitioner in banking, finance and capital markets, litigation and arbitration and corporate governance by the following publications: Chambers Global, Chambers Europe, International Financial Law Review and IRL Expert Guides, European Legal Experts, Legal 500 and Best Lawyers.



## MATEJ PUSTAY

**Partner • Squire Patton Boggs • ICC YAAF Representative**

Matej has been recognised as a Next Generation Partner in the 2024 edition of The Legal 500 Europe, Middle East & Africa, is one of the co-authors of the latest edition of 40 under 40 International Arbitration and currently serves as an ICC YAAF representative. Matej's experience covers disputes related to various industry areas, including oil and gas, energy, construction, mining, real estate, automotive, telecommunications, banking and M&A disputes. Matej's experience with investment arbitrations includes representation of both claimants and respondents in more than a dozen different investment arbitrations conducted under ICSID, UNCITRAL and ICC arbitration rules. Matej has also successfully represented clients in commercial arbitrations arising from a diverse array of issues, including contract breaches, warranty claims, post-acquisition claims or claims based on defective performance. Matej's experience includes commercial arbitrations conducted under SCC, ICC and UNCITRAL arbitration rules, as well as arbitrations conducted before the Arbitration Court of the Economic Chamber and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic. Besides representation of clients in international and domestic arbitrations, Matej also represents clients in Czech litigations. His experience includes proceedings before the majority of Czech courts, including the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Administrative Court. Matej also regularly advises clients with respect to various dispute-related issues, including settlement negotiations, or pre-court action and pre-arbitration notices. Finally, Matej also advises clients in international criminal law cases.



## LUCIA RAIMANOVÁ

### Co-Managing Partner of Bratislava • A&O Shearmann

Lucia is triple qualified in England & Wales (solicitor-advocate), Ireland (solicitor) and Slovakia, and has over 20 years of experience in high-stakes investment treaty and commercial arbitration across the world, as well as in major construction disputes. She also has experience of litigating before the English, Indian and Slovak courts as well as the CJEU. The combined value of disputes Lucia has handled exceeds US\$ 20 billion. Before relocating to Bratislava to lead the firm's arbitration practice in the CEE, Lucia practiced with the firm in London and Hong Kong. She has been repeatedly named a Thought Leader in Arbitration by Who's Who Legal (now Lexology).

Lucia currently serves on the Board of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre ('VIAC') and the Board of the Arbitration Association of Central and Eastern Europe (of which she is also a founding member). She is also a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and increasingly sits as arbitrator.



## DUŠAN SEDLÁČEK

### Partner • HAVEL & PARTNERS

### Member • Executive Board of 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 arbitration expert and acts as a mediator. Dušan has extensive experience with disputes primarily in the construction sector, but also with disputes concerning financial transactions, M&A, data protection, sports, 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 arbitral awards, out-of-court settlements, and the recognition and enforcement of arbitral 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. He is also recommended as a leading expert in dispute resolution by Legal 500.



## MARIE TALAŠOVÁ

### Counsel • Wolf Theiss

Marie is an internationally recognized and highly experienced attorney with a proven track record in international arbitration. She advises both international and local clients on international commercial and investment arbitration under major arbitration rules, including ICC, LCIA, VIAC, DIS, Swiss Rules, CEAC, CAS, and UNCITRAL. Her expertise also covers foreign investment protection, energy regulation, and sanctions.

She previously served as the head of the International Legal Services Department at the Czech Ministry of Finance, where she successfully defended the Czech Republic in numerous international arbitrations, led negotiations on bilateral investment agreements, and advised the Czech Government on international and EU law matters.

Marie is an independent arbitrator at the Arbitration Court attached to the Prague Stock Exchange. She is also a Member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and serves on the Board of the Ukrainian-Czech Chamber of Commerce.



## SARAH VASANI

### Partner, Co-Head of International Arbitration and Head of Investor State Dispute Resolution • CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang Alternate Member • ICC International Court of Arbitration

Sarah is Head of Investor State Dispute Resolution at CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP, a role covering the U.K., Central and Eastern Europe, the UAE, Singapore, Türkiye, China, Brazil and Mexico. She is a seasoned international arbitration lawyer specialising in both international commercial arbitration and investor state disputes, representing clients before all key arbitral institutions including the LCIA, DIFC-LCIA, ICC, ICDR, SIAC, HKIAC, SCC, ICSID, and in arbitrations conducted under the UNCITRAL Rules, and foreign investment laws. She is dual-qualified in England & Wales and the U.S. (Texas and Washington D.C.), is a Solicitor-Advocate of the Higher Courts of England and Wales, and works in both English and Spanish.

In addition to advocating for her clients' interests before international tribunals, Sarah advises clients on investment (re)structuring, and on strategies, options, and tactics for minimising the prospects of full-blown disputes. She is an adroit counsellor on managing and sharing the risks of arbitration through third-party funding, ATE insurance, and conditional-fee and damages-based agreements, and enforcing arbitral awards. She has particular experience in energy, oil and gas, mining, and other large scale project disputes in Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, and Latin America and has represented many of the leading global energy and construction companies. Sarah regularly sits as party-nominated, sole, and presiding arbitrator.



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The ICC is – and has been throughout its long existence – a steadfast rallying point for those who believe that strengthening commercial ties among nations is good not only for business but also for global living standards. The ICC was founded in 1919. Today, it represents 6.5 million companies and associations in more than 130 countries. The ICC Czech Republic has been providing its services for 26 years (since 1999). Its wide portfolio of activities includes international conferences, territorial workshops and seminars, professional courses and consulting services. The ICC Czech Republic also cooperates with various international institutions and arranges meetings with foreign trade partners.



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Our lawyers have decades of experience in advising and representing clients in complex cross-border commercial arbitrations and investor-state disputes under the rules of all the leading institutions.

We are also known for our skill in arbitration-related court proceedings – including multi-jurisdictional enforcement strategies – ensuring we can take cases from inception to their ultimate conclusion.

In addition, we regularly advise on complex issues of public international law.

Our team has represented both investors and states in more than 70 investment treaty claims and has acted in several ground-breaking cases. We are recognised for our “stellar track record” of success. Our breadth and depth allow us to field one of the strongest benches in the world. We have more than 150 arbitration lawyers globally, including lawyers located in the world's leading arbitral hubs in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the US. This enables us to ensure that our clients are matched with true experts for their specific dispute: whatever the industry sector, language, applicable law or legal issues involved.

Members of our team hold senior positions with leading arbitral institutions, including the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Indeed, the ICC has turned to us when it has required representation in disputes which have significant implications for arbitration practice.

Our team also draws on A&O Shearman's deep industry knowledge to deliver tailored solutions whatever the underlying nature of the dispute.



BBH, advokátní kancelář, s.r.o. (BBH) is a prominent law firm with an international presence. Established in 2000, BBH acquired the reputation of a leading international law firm that had been operating in the Czech Republic since 1990. BBH is currently operating in Prague, Czech Republic and Bratislava, Slovakia (BBH advokátska kancelária, s.r.o.). The success of BBH has been acknowledged by numerous prestigious international institutions and awards, including Legal500, Chambers&Partners, IFRL1000, and the Forbes magazine.

BBH has a long-standing exceptional position on the Czech and Slovak legal markets in the areas of Litigation and Arbitration, providing advice in unprecedented, unique or otherwise complex cases. Known as the “firm that gets going when the going gets tough” and for its regular involvement in disputes in which critical judicial decisions are issued that change Czech and Slovak jurisprudence, BBH enjoys well-deserved respect among both clients and counterparties for its extraordinary ratio of success in Litigation and Arbitration matters.

BBH represents clients not only in domestic arbitrations in the Czech Republic (usually before the Arbitration Court attached to the Economic and Agricultural Chambers of the Czech Republic), but also in various international cases before most of the major arbitral institutions (ICC, VIAC, LCIA, SCC, UNCITRAL Rules) as well as in ad hoc arbitrations of various nature.



Clifford Chance stands as one of the world's largest law firms, with a significant depth and range of resources across five continents. 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 take a one firm approach to our clients' needs and offer a seamless, integrated service across our network of offices, with expertise in individual jurisdictions, but also an understanding of the interplay between different legal systems and regulations.

With three decades of presence in the Czech Republic, the firm boasts a deep understanding of local and Central and Eastern European markets. The Prague team includes lawyers qualified in English, Czech, and Slovak law and is a long-standing trusted partner for sophisticated clients and key market players in litigation, arbitration, and investigations.

## Deloitte.

Deloitte Advisory team based in Prague integrates forensic and financial advisory services to support our clients across regions to react quickly and confidently in a crisis, investigation or dispute. In addition to internationally recognized expert witnesses, our team includes financial and business valuation experts, forensic accountants, computer forensic practitioners, data analysts and professional investigators. Multidisciplinary background of our team combined with vast experience with arbitration and litigation work and cooperation with other teams from our global network enables us to provide solutions tailored to the specific circumstances of the matter at hand.



With a strong presence in the Czech Republic, the CEE region, and worldwide, DLA Piper is a trusted partner for businesses navigating cross-border disputes. Our International Arbitration practice includes over 250 professionals, strategically positioned in major arbitration hubs and key emerging markets. This global reach allows us to provide seamless, around-the-clock support while leveraging deep local knowledge—both essential to successfully resolving complex disputes.

Recognized among the global elite in Global Arbitration Review's annual rankings, we handle high-value cases across a wide range of industries, including aviation, banking, construction, energy, insurance, international finance, international trade and investments, intellectual property, media and communications, technology, and telecommunications. We also have extensive experience in arbitration disputes involving sovereign states, including claims under bilateral investment treaties (BITs) and multilateral investment treaties (MITs), such as the Energy Charter Treaty, applying both public international law and private law.

Many of our lawyers are recognized leaders in international arbitration, serving on the world's leading arbitral institutions, including the ICC International Court of Arbitration, the American Arbitration Association, the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, and the London Court of International Arbitration. Our global team has vast experience in conducting international arbitration including acting as counsel or sitting as arbitrator under all the major institutional and procedural rules, including those of the AAA, CIETAC, DIAC, HKIAC, ICC, ICSID, LCIA, Milan Chamber of Commerce, SCC, SIAC, VIAC and UNCITRAL.

Working closely with specialists in litigation, M&A, and regulatory matters, we provide comprehensive, strategic solutions tailored to our clients' business objectives. With an unmatched international presence and deep sector expertise, we help clients successfully navigate arbitration – whether under major institutional rules or in ad hoc proceedings – wherever their business takes them.

## HAVEL & PARTNERS

CONNECTED THROUGH SUCCESS

HAVEL & PARTNERS, with offices in Prague, Bratislava, Frankfurt, Brno, Pilsen, Olomouc, and Ostrava, has a team of 350 lawyers, tax advisors and patent attorneys, approx. 200 associates and 500 employees in total and is the largest independent law firm in Central Europe. The firm's clients include large international 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 4,000 clients).

HAVEL & PARTNERS has the largest team of dispute resolution attorneys in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The 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. The Legal 500 has ranked the Dispute Resolution, Litigation and Arbitration team of HAVEL & PARTNERS in the highest category – Tier 1 – in the Czech Republic for the period of 2024/2025.

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 (2020–2022) and Lexology Index (former Who's Who Legal (2018–2023)).

# P / R / K

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

PRK Partners is a leading law firm providing top-quality and comprehensive legal services in practically all fields of law, with dispute resolution being an integral and traditional part of our legal practice. We have a strong and stable team of highly-skilled professionals that regularly ranks among the best law firms in this area. Our expertise and the high quality of our services have been confirmed by our repeated success in the Law Firm of the Year competition and recommendations by numerous international legal directories.

PRK has a long-standing arbitration practice where several of its members serve as arbitrators in international and national arbitration courts and institutions, and where we have represented clients in arbitration proceedings for more than 30 years. Arbitration is a core practice of our dispute resolution team. Robert Nemec, who frequently serves as an arbitrator, is currently the Head of the Czech Bar Association. Marek Prochazka is currently the president of the Czech ICC Arbitration Commission.

Miriam Galandova is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and recently was selected by GAR's independent research for recognition in the Future Leaders section of Who's Who Legal: Arbitration 2023. Michal Matejka has extensive experience in representing global and multinational clients in judicial, contractual, and regulatory matters. He also has extensive experience as a panellist for domain disputes.

The effectiveness of our approach has been recognised by Chambers Europe, who write that we are "particularly impressive in arbitration and regulatory matters" and "always look for solutions that avoid lengthy court cases." In 2024, PRK was named Czech Law Firm of the Year in Dispute Resolution and Banking & Finance by EPRAVO.CZ in a competition organised under the auspices of the Czech Bar Association and the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

## ROWAN<sup>®</sup> LEGAL

ROWAN LEGAL is one of the leading Czech law firms. Founded in 1990, it draws on its more than 30 years of experience when advising clients. ROWAN LEGAL's 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 with 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 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 Legal 500, Chambers and Partners – Global and Europe, and Czech Legal Firm of the Year for its expertise in Dispute Resolution and Arbitration, Compliance, TMT, Intellectual Property, Public Procurement and Projects & Energy.

ROWAN LEGAL is the exclusive member of MULTILAW for the Czech Republic and Slovakia as well as Horizons Alliance, which enables us to assist our clients with cross-border issues.

# SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

With over 40 offices across 4 continents, we are ranked among the leading law firms with the largest geographic footprint in the world. Our Prague office was founded more than 30 years ago, among the first international law firms in the Czech market.

Our International Dispute Resolution Practice Group is one of the largest, most diverse and best-integrated practices in the world. Our prominent investment treaty and commercial arbitration teams, based in key locations around the world, including Prague, have grown exponentially. We take pride in our ability to offer teams comprising lawyers from different jurisdictions, allowing us to provide a unique mix of arbitration expertise, diverse legal knowledge, language capability and cultural understanding to promote effectively our clients' objectives.

We are proud of our steady growth, geographic expansion, client satisfaction through repeat instructions and peer recognition. We continue to be ranked in the prestigious Global Arbitration Review annual ranking of the Top 30 international arbitration firms.

## URBAN & HEJDUK

Urban & Hejduk is a preferred Czech law firm, particularly in the area of litigation and arbitration, energy, mergers and acquisitions, insolvency, real estate and construction law, and sports law. We have many years of experience with an international reach. Since 2015, we are a member of Collegium, a central European alliance of independent law firms, and since 2020, we have been the exclusive partner of the international Grimaldi Alliance for the Czech market.

In the area of international arbitration, we provide our clients with comprehensive legal advice in resolving complicated commercial disputes relating to their business activities. Our lawyers have been involved in representing claimants and defendants in many legally and technically complicated cases under various arbitration rules before different arbitration institutions. In this regard, they have experience in proceedings before the Czech Arbitration Court, as well as at foreign institutions such as the ICC Court, LCIA, SCC or VIAC. We also provide representation in ad hoc/UNCITRAL arbitrations or in international sports arbitration (CAS).

# Wolf Theiss

Wolf Theiss is one of the leading law firms in Central, Eastern, and South Eastern Europe. We have built our reputation on a combination of unrivalled local knowledge and strong international capabilities. With over 390 lawyers in 13 countries and a central European hub in Brussels, over 80% of the firm's work involves cross-border representation of international clients.

Wolf Theiss' experience in both commercial and investment arbitration is unique in the CEE/SEE region. Our firm's broad arbitration team is the largest in the region and regularly provides advice in domestic and international arbitration proceedings. We have experience acting under major arbitration rules such as CSID, UNCITRAL, ICC, LCIA, Vienna Rules (VIAC), DIS, and Swiss Rules as well as in ad-hoc arbitration proceedings. Furthermore, our experts have substantial experience with local arbitration institutions. Wolf Theiss' arbitration team is an integral part of our dispute resolution practice group specialized in all fields of business law; in particular finance, commercial and private litigation, insolvency, white collar crime, and alternative dispute resolution methods.

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With a mission to power global justice, Jus Mundi harnesses advanced AI to democratize legal knowledge, offering global arbitration intelligence, data-driven arbitration professional search, and business development to connect legal ecosystems. We take pride in offering a distinctive and unparalleled collection of commercial arbitration awards to our extensive network of over 550 global clients. This collection, sourced from a wide range of partners, is augmented by our collaborations with leading institutions such as the ICC, VIAC, ICDR, and HKIAC.

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