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# FOREWORD

Dear participants, distinguished speakers, and guests,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2023, the fifth edition of this conference. Our event brings together national and international arbitration practitioners to exchange ideas and insights not only about international arbitration, but also about the state of the world in which arbitration takes place.

This year, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, we will focus – among other things – on the role of ICC arbitration in Central and Eastern Europe and the Czech Republic. Additionally, we will address the current political situation with the war in Ukraine and its impact on ICC arbitration in general as well as on arbitrators and counsel.

We are honoured to have an exceptional keynote panel consisting of Yves Derains, José Feris, and Jennifer Kirby; all very experienced arbitrators with unparalleled expertise. Their presence offers a unique opportunity both to celebrate the 100 years of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and to discuss current topics and trends in ICC arbitration.

We are proud to announce that Ms. Haubová of Komerční banka has become the new President of ICC Czech Republic as of January 2023, while Marek Prochazka of PRK Partners has taken on the role of Chairman of the ICC Czech Republic Commission on International Arbitration. The event has been organized by the entire Commission on International Arbitration and in particular by our colleague René Cienciala of Urban & Hejduk, who will serve as moderator of the conference. Along with our colleagues who previously held these functions, we aim to provide an inspiring and welcoming atmosphere where we hope we will all benefit.

We stress one more time that Prague as a vibrant European capital is a very convenient venue for international arbitration. We trust that you will appreciate the opportunity to learn more both about the city and the Czech arbitration community during coffee breaks, lunch, and the cocktail reception.

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. And we look forward to welcoming our Ukrainian colleagues to join us in the near future with anticipation.

We wish you an enjoyable ICC Prague Arbitration Day 2023 and look forward to welcoming you back to Prague in the near future.

## MAREK PROCHÁZKA

**Chairman of Arbitration Commission • ICC Czech Republic  
Partner • PRK Partners**



8.30–9.30	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
9.30–9.35	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> <b>Mr René Cienciala</b> • Partner at Urban & Hejduk; Former Secretary of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic / CZ	
9.35–9.45	<b>OPENING SPEECH</b> <b>Ms Jitka Haubová</b> • Chair at ICC Czech Republic; Chief Operations Officer at Komerční banka / CZ	
9.45–11.00	<b>KEYNOTE DISCUSSION</b> <b>Mr Yves Derains</b> • Former Secretary General of the ICC Court; Founding Partner of Derains & Gharavi / FR <b>Mr José Feris</b> • Former Deputy Secretary General of the ICC Court; Partner at Squire Patton Boggs / DOM & FR <b>Ms Jennifer Kirby</b> • Former Deputy Secretary General of the ICC Court; Independent Practitioner at Kirby International Arbitration / US & UK Moderated by <b>Mr Marek Procházka</b> • Partner at PRK Partners; Chairman of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic / CZ	
11.00–11.30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11.30–12.45	<b>1<sup>st</sup> PANEL</b>	<b>RECENT DEVELOPMENT AND BEST PRACTICES IN DRAFTING ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS</b> <b>Ms Alina Leoveanu</b> • Counsel at the ICC Secretariat / RO & FR <b>Mr Michal Matějka</b> • Partner at PRK Partners / CZ <b>Ms Luminita Popa</b> • Managing Partner at Suciu Popa; ICC Court Member / RO <b>Ms Alicja Zielińska-Eisen</b> • Of Counsel at Queritus; ICC YAAF Representative / PL

12.45–14.00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
14.00–15.15	<b>2nd PANEL</b>	<p><b>SANCTIONS AND OTHER CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION</b></p> <p>Ms Azal Khan • Associate at Clifford Chance / IN &amp; DE  Ms Eveli Lume • Partner at Squire Patton Boggs / EE &amp; DE  Ms Lucia Raimanová • Partner at Allen &amp; Overy / SK  Mr Jiří Urban • Director and CEE Dispute Advisory Leader at KPMG / CZ</p>
15.15–15.45	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
15.45–17.00	<b>3rd PANEL</b>	<p><b>INTERVENTIONS OF COURTS IN ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS</b></p> <p>Mr Karl-Oscar Dalin • Partner at DLA Piper / SE  Mr Miloš Olík • Partner at ROWAN LEGAL / CZ  Mr Robert Pelikán • Partner at Wolf Theiss / CZ  Mr Dušan Sedláček • Partner at Havel &amp; Partners / CZ</p>
17.00–17.15	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	
	Mr Marek Procházka • Partner at PRK Partners; Chairman of Arbitration Commission at ICC Czech Republic / CZ	
17.30+	<b>EVENING COCKTAIL</b>	

# MODERATOR

## RENÉ CIENCIALA

**Partner • Urban & Hejduk**  
**Former Secretary • Arbitration Commission of ICC Czech Republic**

René is a partner at Urban & Hejduk law firm (Prague). He is responsible for international dispute settlement and sports law. He has been involved in dozens of complex cases, including domestic litigations and arbitrations, international commercial arbitrations (ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, VIAC), investor-state arbitrations (ICSID), sports arbitrations (CAS), and disciplinary proceedings (UEFA, WADA). René has represented clients in 40+ arbitrations as a counsel and participated in 30+ cases as an arbitrator (the Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Economic & Agricultural Chambers, Czech Football Association). He has been active in various professional associations, notably as a former secretary of the ICC Czech Republic Arbitration Commission, a co-head of the worldwide Grimaldi Alliance Arbitration Platform, and a co-chair of the Young Czech Arbitration Professionals. René is alumni of Charles University (Doctor of Laws) and the leading Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS).



# LIST OF SPEAKERS

## KARL-OSCAR DALIN

**Partner, Head of International Arbitration • DLA Piper**

Karl-Oscar Dalin heads the international dispute resolution team at DLA Piper's Stockholm office. He has significant experience from representing clients in high stakes litigation and arbitral proceedings (Ad hoc, SCC, ICC, UNCITRAL, CIETAC, AAA), but also advises clients in complex settlement negotiations and mediation proceedings. He is active in several sectors and has recently acted for clients in disputes regarding M&A transactions, financial markets liability, construction, real estate, renewable energy, industry projects and challenges of arbitral awards. In addition to his engagements with leading Swedish law firms, Karl-Oscar Dalin has worked at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York and in house at the Swedish construction company Skanska AB (publ).



## YVES DERAINS

**Founding Partner • Derains & Gharavi**  
**Former Secretary General • ICC International Court of Arbitration**

YVES DERAINS, the former Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration and Director of the Legal Department of the ICC, is member of the Paris Bar and founding partner of law firm Derains & Gharavi. He specializes in commercial and investment arbitration and acts both as an arbitrator and counsel in arbitration proceedings. He is the Honorary Chairman of the ICC Institute of World Business Law, the former Chairman of the Comité Français de l'Arbitrage, former Chairman of the Working Party on the Revision of the ICC Rules of Arbitration, and Honorary Professor of several universities in Lima, Peru. He is also the author of many publications on International Commercial Arbitration, in particular: "A Guide to the ICC Rules of Arbitration" (2nd E, with E. Schwartz), Kluwer, 2005.



## JOSÉ FERIS

**Partner • Squire Patton Boggs**  
**Vice-Chair • ICC Commission of Arbitration and ADR**  
**Former Deputy Secretary General • ICC International Court of Arbitration**

José R. Feris is a partner at Squire Patton Boggs specialized in international arbitration and public international law. He represents companies, state entities, and sovereigns in commercial and investment arbitrations related to various economic sectors with a particular focus on energy and construction. He also regularly sits as an arbitrator and teaches international arbitration at SciencesPo.

A former deputy secretary general of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, José is identified by Who's Who Legal as a Global Elite Thought Leader and has been ranked by Legal 500 in its Hall of Fame category. During his tenure at the ICC Court, José was instrumental in revising and implementing the 2012 and 2017 ICC Arbitration Rules. He is vice-chair of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, co-chair of the ICC Task Force "Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration," vice-president of the Latin American Arbitration Association, court member of AMCHAM Peru, board member of CAMARB - Câmara de Mediação e Arbitragem Empresarial – Brasil, and board member of the Spanish Arbitration Club.



## JITKA HAUBOVÁ

**Chief Operations Officer • Komerční banka  
Chair • ICC Czech Republic**

Jitka Haubová has graduated from the Prague University of Economics, majoring in Finance and Accounting, completed a Financial Management course at Galilee College in Israel, obtained a certificate as a structural funds specialist from the European Commission, and is a certified international auditor for quality processes. Jitka started her professional career by joining the Czech Government's agency for support of trade, CzechTrade, where she also served as CEO. She also 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 she has managed for the last four years.

Since 2023, Jitka is the chair of ICC Czech Republic.



## JENNIFER KIRBY

**Independent Practitioner • Kirby International Arbitration  
Former Deputy Secretary General • ICC International Court  
of Arbitration**

Jennifer is an internationally recognized arbitration expert who acts as counsel and sits as arbitrator in a wide variety of commercial matters. She began her career as a New York litigator before going to the ICC International Court of Arbitration, where she served as both Counsel and Deputy Secretary General. After re-joining private practice as a partner in a multinational firm, Jennifer founded her own arbitration practice, Kirby, in Paris in 2010. Jennifer has been recognized by Chambers Global as “a true expert in ICC-related disputes” and by The Who's Who of International Arbitration as a “very sharp” global player in the field.





## AZAL KHAN

### Associate • Clifford Chance

Azal Khan is an Associate in Clifford Chance's international arbitration group based in Frankfurt. Azal's practice focuses on international commercial and investment arbitration disputes. She has extensive experience representing companies and corporations based in Europe, Asia, and the MENA region in arbitration proceedings conducted under ICC, UNCITRAL, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, and SCAI rules. She is frequently involved in disputes in the energy, construction, post-M&A, and media rights sectors. Azal has a special focus on sanctions-related arbitrations: She completed her Master's thesis on this topic at the Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS 2017) and advises clients in sanctions-related international commercial and investment arbitrations. She previously worked in Switzerland, Belgium, Singapore, and India. Azal is qualified as a Solicitor in England and Wales, an Advocate in India, and is registered as a foreign lawyer at the Frankfurt Bar Association. She is also a member of the Young ICSID Group and a member of the LCIA's Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG). She is a contributing author in an article-by-article commentary on the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada (Moritz Keller (ed), EU Investment Protection Law, Beck 2023).



## ALINA LEOVEANU

### Counsel • ICC Secretariat

Admitted to the Romanian bar, Alina is an experienced dispute resolution practitioner who brings valuable insight from her work in private practice and at institutions such as the ICC and the European Court of Human Rights. Alina has been a CEDR Accredited Mediator since 2016 and is an ArbitralWomen Board member for the 2022–2024 term.

Alina is currently the Counsel of the Eastern European Team at the ICC International Court of Arbitration. As counsel, she is in charge of ICA 7 case management team responsible for the administration of approximately 200 arbitrations, primarily in connection with Eastern European jurisdictions.

Previously, Alina was a senior legal consultant in the International Arbitration practice of the Paris office of Mayer Brown. She represented companies in commercial arbitrations and mediations in complex disputes arising from different economic sectors and industries.

In addition to her native Romanian, Alina is fluent in English, French and has a good understanding of Spanish.



## EVELI LUME

### Partner • Squire Patton Boggs

Dr. Eveli Lume is a partner at Squire Patton Boggs in Berlin with a practice focused on investor-state and commercial international arbitrations. An Estonian national educated and admitted to practice in Estonia and Germany and regularly working in English, German, Estonian, and Russian, her practice is uniquely international. She acts for clients with a broad geographic scope, including Eastern European, Central Asian, and African states and state-owned entities, as well as private sector companies throughout Europe and beyond. In addition to her practice, Eveli is involved in the International Dispute Resolution LL.M. program at Humboldt University, and she also teaches international arbitration and investment law at Tartu University in Estonia.



## MICHAL MATĚJKA

### Partner • PRK Partners

Michal Matejka is a Partner at PRK Partners specialising in IT law, intellectual and industrial property law, commercial contract law, international trade and related dispute resolution.

Before joining PRK Partners in October 2018, Michal worked almost 17 years at Baker & McKenzie's Prague office.

Michal graduated from the Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague and the Faculty of International Relations at the University of Economics in Prague and passed the bar to become an attorney at law in 2008. In 2018 Michal obtained his qualification as an established European lawyer authorized to provide legal services within the territory of Slovakia.

Michal has extensive experience in representing global and multinational clients in judicial, contractual and regulatory matters. He regularly lectures on ICT and intellectual property law at the Faculty of Information Technology of Czech Technical University (ČVUT) and the Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague. Michal is an expert for domain dispute resolution in UDRP proceedings and .cz domain disputes and the author of various scholarly publications and articles in specialist periodicals on topics in his practice areas.



## MILOŠ OLÍK

**Partner • ROWAN LEGAL**  
**Vice-Chair • ICC Czech Republic**

Miloš Olík is the head of the Dispute Resolution Department at ROWAN LEGAL. His practice focuses on arbitration, including international commercial arbitrations, investment disputes, and various forms of alternative dispute resolution (mediation, negotiation).

Miloš has many years of experience in arbitration proceedings under the rules of various institutions such as ICC, LCIA, ICSID, SCC, RSHKAK, and UNCITRAL. He is also the vice-chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Czech Republic, chairman of the Arbitration Council of the Football Association of the Czech Republic, a Fellow at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and a member of many other professional associations and organizations.

Miloš has been repeatedly highly recommended as both an arbitrator and counsel by Who's Who Legal, Chambers Global, and Chambers Europe. He was most recently ranked as Arbitration Counsel and among the Most in Demand Arbitrators in Band 2 for Dispute Resolution in the Chambers Global Guide 2023.



## ROBERT PELIKÁN

**Partner / Head of the Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Practice for Czech Republic and Slovakia • Wolf Theiss**

Robert Pelikán is the Head of the Wolf Theiss Dispute Resolution and Arbitration teams in Prague and Bratislava. He is sought after for his unparalleled depth of legal knowledge and his vast experience advising on complex, cross-border, and long-unresolved cases including international commercial arbitrations. His clients include household names mainly from the energy, engineering, and manufacturing industries, as well as major financial institutions.

Robert has held a number of key decision-making positions in the past decade, including serving as the Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic in 2015-2018. He regularly provides specialized training to Czech judges as a lecturer at the Czech Judicial Academy. Robert is also a member of the Czech Government's Legislative Council, a representative for the Czech Republic on the World Bank's Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and an arbitrator at the Czech Arbitration Court.



## LUMINITA POPA

**Managing Partner • Suci Popa**  
**Member • ICC International Court of Arbitration**

Luminita Popa is the Founder and Managing Partner of Suci Popa & Asociatii, a Romanian full-service law firm with a strong international dispute resolution practice. The firm was established in 2016 and recognized as a GAR 100 leading arbitration practice since then.

For 11 years before establishing Suci Popa Luminita acted as a Partner at a large Romanian law firm, heading the international arbitration, infrastructure, and natural resources practices.

Luminita focuses on international dispute resolution in a variety of business sectors, including energy, natural resources, infrastructure, construction and engineering, mergers and acquisitions, and partnerships and corporate governance. She advises clients in high-stakes international arbitrations with a successful track record of aiding sophisticated clients and significant projects. Furthermore, she regularly serves as an arbitrator and is recognized as a leading practitioner by Legal 500, Chambers & Partners, IFLR 1000, and Who's Who Legal.

Luminita has been a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration since 2018.



## MAREK PROCHÁZKA

**Partner • PRK Partners**  
**Chair • Arbitration Commission of 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.



## LUCIA RAIMANOVÁ

Partner • Allen & Overy

Lucia Raimanová is a Partner in the International Arbitration Group of Allen & Overy based in Bratislava, from where she heads up the Group's arbitration practice in Central and Eastern Europe. She is a solicitor-advocate of England & Wales, and is also qualified to practise in Slovakia and Ireland. Having practised with the firm in London, Hong Kong, and Bratislava, she has almost 20 years of experience in high-stakes investment treaty and commercial arbitration across the world.

Lucia currently serves on the Board of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre ('VIAC') and the Board of the British Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia. She is also a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

She is the only practitioner from Slovakia to be listed in the peer-reviewed WWL Thought Leaders – Arbitration 2023.



## DUŠAN SEDLÁČEK

Partner • HAVEL & PARTNERS

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-of-court 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.



## JIŘÍ URBAN

### Director / CEE Dispute Advisory Leader • KPMG

Jiří (Jirka) Urban leads the KPMG dispute advisory practice in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). With over 20 years of international experience in forensic services, Jiří mainly focuses on expert witness work for clients involved in litigation or arbitration.

Jiří has been in charge of a number of expert engagements for claimants and/or respondent states in investment arbitrations (under ICSID and UNCITRAL rules). The work involved countries in Central Europe, the Balkans, and the CIS and spanned from the initial assessment of claims to drafting expert reports, critical review of opposing experts' work, assistance in the document production process, and hearing testimony. He also submitted quantum reports to the European Court of Human Rights and in numerous commercial arbitrations and litigations. Jiří has also acted as an independent expert making determinations on accounting matters in transaction disputes.

His industry experience includes mainly energy, real-estate, mining, and financial services. Jiří has spoken on damages, accounting, and valuation topics at many international conferences and workshops.



## ALICJA ZIELIŃSKA-EISEN

### Of Counsel • Queritius ICC YAAF Representative for Europe

Alicja Zielińska-Eisen, LL.M. (Humboldt) is a Polish qualified advocate (adwokat) and an Of Counsel with Queritius, a highly specialized law firm focused on international dispute resolution principally in Central and Eastern Europe.

She combines her practice with an academic career as a lecturer and Academic Coordinator for the IDR LL.M. at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in Germany.

Alicja focuses on commercial matters, private international law, and international arbitration, as well as court proceedings supporting arbitration and post-arbitration proceedings. She has deep knowledge of international investment law and arbitration having represented states and private investors alike. Alicja acts as an arbitrator and tribunal secretary and has experience working under a variety of arbitration rules, including UNCITRAL, ICC, DIS, SCC, Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, and the Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce (SA KIG).

Alicja is involved in diverse initiatives for legal professionals, including most recently speaking and mentorship engagements in Warsaw, Berlin, Barcelona, Vienna, Riga, Paris, and Prague. She is a member of the Arbitration Commission of ICC Poland and acts as the ICC YAAF Representative for Europe.



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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

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## HAVEL & PARTNERS

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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 Who's Who Legal (2018–2022).

## KPMG CZECH REPUBLIC – Dispute Advisory Services

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## PRK PARTNERS

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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 25 years. Arbitration is a core practice of our dispute resolution team. Robert Nemeč, who frequently serves as an arbitrator, is currently the Head of the Czech Bar Association. Marek Procházka is currently the president of the Czech ICC Arbitration Commission. Miriam Galandová 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 2019, PRK was named Czech Law Firm of the Year in the areas of dispute resolution and arbitration 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 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).

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

## SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS

With over 40 offices on 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.

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## 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.

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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 360 lawyers in 13 countries, 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 ICSID, 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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