

Dispute Resolution

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.

Our experts possess extensive experience in the out-of-court settlement of disputes, as well as in litigation before both local and foreign courts. Many team members currently also work or have worked at different positions at arbitration and common courts, as well as the Supreme Administrative Court.

We can thus provide our clients with valuable advice on conducting disputes thanks to our lawyers' involvement in the formation of decisions of courts and other authorities.

With our multidisciplinary approach, we provide legal services and represent our clients in a wide range of disputes in various economic sectors – from disputes related to international treaties, financial services, corporate matters, real estate, energy production and telecommunications to proceedings related to competition matters, intellectual property and labour law. It is our goal to offer solutions aimed at minimising the client's risk and resolving disputes efficiently in terms of time and costs.

We provide clients with professional and comprehensive legal advice in the following areas...

- **Arbitration** – we have considerable experience in representing clients in national arbitral proceedings, as well as in international arbitrations under various rules (ICC, UNCITRAL, VIAC, etc.). We are familiar with arbitration from both sides – as legal advisors as well as arbitrators. The lead partners of our team are renowned and sought-after arbitrators in local and foreign arbitration bodies.
- **Court proceedings** – we offer a team of experienced lawyers to represent you at all stages of national and international litigations, including possible enforcement procedures.
- **Administrative proceedings** – another important area of our work covers regulatory matters and representing clients in administrative proceedings before regulatory authorities – in matters ranging from obtaining licences and permits to raising objections against new regulations.
- **Enforcement of receivables** – our specialised team will guide you through the entire process of collective administration and enforcement of receivables, and will offer its own elaborate and highly efficient system of standard procedures, whilst adjusting reporting to your specific requirements.

Chambers Europe on PRK Partners:

"The lawyers of PRK Partners use their skills especially in arbitrations and regulatory affairs, and always seek a solution that will avoid prolonged litigation."

The European Legal 500 on PRK Partners:

"The firm's litigation team offers their clients qualified and fast answers, and their overall forthcoming approach accommodates the clients' needs."



A Step Ahead

- **Insolvency proceedings** – we represent both debtors and creditors in insolvency proceedings. A clear advantage of our team is that one of its members co-authored the Insolvency Act and is a member of the interpretation group at the Czech Ministry of Justice.
- **Mediation, negotiation and conciliation** – we always strive to find the easiest and most efficient way of resolving our clients' disputes. In cases where it is possible to avoid prolonged court disputes, we prefer alternative dispute resolution, which ensures a faster and less costly resolution of any given dispute.
- Representing an important development company as a claimant in litigation regarding the infringement of trade mark rights and distortion of competition.
- Representing the Holcim company before the Office for the Protection of Competition in proceedings on permitting a merger of competitors in connection with an exchange of certain properties in Europe with its Mexican counterpart, the Cemex company.
- Representing a leading investor in the field of solar energy in a dispute arising out of a purchase contract and subsequent enforcement proceedings.
- Representing a major mobile operator in proceedings on excluding hundreds of millions of crowns from the insolvency estate of a bankrupt lottery company.
- Representing a Czech company with international equity operating a solar park in an action against a decision of the Energy Regulatory Office and representing the client in the enforcement of related claims.

The following is an overview of selected examples of our team's experience:

- Representing the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic before Swiss courts in a case brought against former managers of Mostecká uhelná společnost (a mining company).
- Legal advice provided to CET 21 spol. s r.o. in successful defence against the unauthorised use of television programmes by in4you, z.s.
- Representing a major real estate developer in disputes related to their business, e.g. disputes arising out of construction contracts, disputes with flat owners relating to liability for defects, insolvency proceedings and proceedings on denial of receivables and subsequent enforcement of claims.
- Representing a European institution in a dispute before the EU General Court in proceedings regarding the chemical industry, specifically Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).
- Representing a number of clients in court proceedings against (former) employees, including both disputes where the employees raised, in particular, financial claims and cases where they challenged their dismissal.
- Representing various companies, banks and insurance companies in connection with the collective administration and enforcement of receivables, including representation of the clients in court.
- Representing a claimant in arbitration proceedings against the Czech Republic based on BIT. The claim arose in relation to the privatisation of Škodaexport.

Key partners at PRK Partners in the area of dispute resolution:



Robert Nemeč, Partner

- Attorney at law and Vice-President of the Czech Bar Association;
- Arbitrator at the Exchange Court of Arbitration attached to the Prague Stock Exchange, the Arbitration Court attached to the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural;
- Chamber of the Czech Republic, and at the Vienna International Arbitral Centre;
- Member of the International Bar Association.



Marek Procházka, Partner

- Attorney at law of the Czech Bar Association and also attorney at law in Switzerland;
- Member of the Swiss Arbitration Association;
- Specialist in international disputes, management of foreign attorneys;
- Works on disputes at the International Chamber of Commerce and on White Collar Crime cases.

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