

VIAC – Questionnaire for Arbitrators

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4. **Current position:**

Attorney-at-Law (Czech Republic)

Partner (Urban & Hejduk)

5. **Education:**

- Université de Genève, Faculty of Law & Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Switzerland), LL.M. (Master in International Dispute Settlement – MIDS), 2018
- Charles University, Faculty of Law (Czech Rep.), JUDr. (Doctor of Laws), 2017
- Charles University, Faculty of Law (Czech Rep.), Mgr. (Master of Laws), 2013
- McGill University, Faculty of Law (Canada), study visit, 2013
- British Law Centre/University of Cambridge (Slovakia/UK), Diploma in English and European Union Law, 2012

6. **Practiced experience in arbitration:**

- How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international); under which Rules?
73 cases (incl. sports arbitrations/disciplinary cases)
↳ 53 domestic (Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic; Football Association of the Czech Republic; PRIAC)
↳ 20 international (mainly ICC Rules/International Court of Arbitration and CAS Rules/Court of Arbitration for Sport, also ICSID, LCIA, UNCITRAL/ad hoc, etc.)
- How often have you acted as Chairman?
9 cases
- How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator?
3 cases
- How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator?
20 cases
- How often have you acted as Counsel?
41 cases (incl. co-counsel or local counsel)
- How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)?
n/a

7. Publications and other activities in arbitration (e.g. training sessions, seminars, conferences, articles and others):

Articles and other publications

- Co-author of “*Again, but better about taking of evidence in disciplinary proceedings in a sports association*” (in Czech), [ePrávo.cz](#), October 2022
- Co-author of “*Disclosure duties of arbitrator in arbitration proceedings*” (in Czech), [ePrávo.cz](#), September 2021
- Co-author of “*The upcoming end for intra-EU investment arbitrations*” (in Czech), [Právníprostor.cz / Havel & Partners Litigation Flash](#), February / March 2019
- Co-author of “*Pechstein and Mutu cases and international sports arbitration before the European Court of Human Rights*” (in Czech), [Právníprostor.cz](#), October 2018
- Author of “*Admissibility and use of unlawfully obtained evidence in international commercial arbitration*”, LL.M. thesis (MIDS), August 2018
- Co-author of “*Significant changes in resolving international investment disputes*” (in Czech), [ePrávo.cz](#), August 2018
- Co-author of “*CJEU rules against investment arbitrations based on intra-EU bilateral investment treaties*”, [Právníprostor.cz / Havel & Partners Litigation Flash](#), March 2018
- Author of “*Extending arbitration clause on third parties in (international) commercial arbitration – selected issues in comparison of international arbitration practice and Czech law*”, JUDr. thesis (Charles Uni.), October 2016
- Author of “*Theoretical aspects of pre-contractual liability and legal duties in contract negotiation*”, in: Gerloch & Beran (eds.): “*Function and position of legal liability in the recent legal order*”, Prague: Leges, 2014

Conferences and other events

- 3rd Energy Law Symposium, Brno, May 2023, speaker (panel on the topic “*Legal disputes in energy*”)
- 5th ICC Prague Arbitration Day: “*CEE reflections on a century of ICC arbitration*”, Prague, May 2023, moderator and organiser
- ICC YAAF & YCAP event: “*Law firm associates in the digital era*”, Prague, May 2023, co-organiser
- 4th ICC Prague Arbitration Day: “*How to succeed in arbitration on paper and in reality*”, Prague, April 2022, moderator and organiser
- ICC YAF & YCAP event: “*Stakeholders’ perspectives on third-party funding*”, Prague, April 2022, co-organiser
- 3rd ICC Prague Arbitration Day: “*How to effectively manage arbitration: Modern and innovative approaches to case management*”, online, March 2021, moderator and organiser
- ICC YAF & YCAP event: “*Administrative Secretaries: Role, duties and challenges: What does experience show us?*”, online, April 2022, co-organiser
- YCAP ArbiTalks (organised since 2020)
- 2nd ICC Prague Arbitration Day: “*Different perspectives on arbitration: In-house counsel, attorneys, arbitrators and experts*”, Prague, March 2019, speaker (panel on the topic “*Taking evidence in international commercial arbitration: CEE specifics*”)
- YAAP Round Table in Prague, Oxford Style Debate on the motion “*By 2030, the Prague Rule will have replaced the IBA Rules in most Continental European international arbitration*”, Prague, December 2018, speaker

Training sessions and seminars

- Lecturer at the 4EU+ Summer School in International Business Law (University of Copenhagen), course on International commercial arbitration, Copenhagen, June 2022 (co-lecturing)
- Visiting lecturer at Masaryk University (Faculty of Law), course on International commercial arbitration, lecture on the topic “*Arbitration agreements in practice*”, Brno, March 2022 (co-lecturing)

8. Membership in arbitral institutions / functions in arbitral institutions/organizations:

Arbitral institutions

- Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic (arbitrator – closed list)
- Football Association of the Czech Republic, Board of Arbitrators (arbitrator – closed list)

Czech (national) association/organizations

- ICC Czech Republic, Commission on International Arbitration (member; secretary 9/2018–2/2023)
- YCAP – Young Czech Arbitration Professionals (co-founder and co-chair)

International association/organizations

- Grimaldi Alliance, International Arbitration Focus Group (co-chair)
- ICC YAAF (member)
- YIAG (member)
- Young ICCA (member)

9. Languages:

Mother tongue: Czech

Working languages (i.e. languages in which you have both a spoken and written command so that you may conduct arbitral proceedings in this language): English

10. In which legal systems have you trained:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Common Law | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austrian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Law |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Czech Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Slovakian Law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European Law |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Basic training in common law (see education above) | | |

11. What is your main jurisdiction of practice:

Czech Republic

12. In which jurisdictions are you admitted to the bar:

Czech Republic

13. Special expertise or specializations (please list a maximum of five):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Unfair competition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damages | <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Power plants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Domain name disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellect. property (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Intern. Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Intern. Law |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CISG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> ISDS/Foreign inves. | <input type="checkbox"/> Real estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil fraud disputes | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint ventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial disp. / transactions | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity market | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare & Pharmac. | <input type="checkbox"/> Life sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Public contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company/Corporate/M&A | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Gastro./Tour. | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Inform. technology (IT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract law | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

14. Date of birth: 25 November 1988

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