

VIAC – QUESTIONNAIRE

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5. **Current position:** Managing partner, Co-head of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution department

6. **Education:**

2015 **Business Management Program at University of Cambridge, Judge Business School**
Cambridge (United Kingdom)

2009 **LL.M. degree in US and Global Business Law**
Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (United States)

2005 – 2007 **Practice Diploma in International Business Organizations, M&A, Capital Markets and Loans**
College of Law of England and Wales (United Kingdom)

1990 – 1995 **Master's degree in law**
Faculty of Law of Charles University, Prague (Czech Republic)

7. **Practiced experience in arbitration:**

How many arbitrations have you participated in (domestic/international)? Under which Rules?

My experience with arbitrations comes from both, representing parties as counsel and acting as arbitrator.

In the last five years, I have represented parties in more than 40 disputes arising from commercial contracts, M&A, real estate and financial transactions.

I have also acted as local Czech counsel in an international arbitration between a UK investor and the Czech Republic under a BIT.

I am frequently sought after arbitrator of the Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic and the Exchange Court of Arbitration at the Prague Stock Exchange. In the last three years, I was appointed as an arbitrator in more than 30 disputes arising primarily from investment agreements, M&A transactions, banking and finance, real estate and construction and general commercial disputes.

I was also appointed as an arbitrator in several international arbitrations, including acting as:

- chairman in a dispute under the ICC Rules between a Czech government body and a foreign investor in connection with the acquisition of a major Czech bank,

- arbitrator of the Court of Arbitration at the Prague Stock Exchange in a dispute arising from a share purchase agreement,
- arbitrator in a dispute arising from a share purchase agreement under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

How often have you acted as Chairman? 26

How often have you acted as Sole Arbitrator? 10

How often have you acted as Co-Arbitrator? 13

How often have you acted as Counsel? 48

How often have you acted in a different function (e.g. Administrative Secretary)? 1

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

I have attended several training sessions and seminars concerning domestic and international litigation and arbitration organized by the IBA and Lex Mundi.

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

2015 – present Vice-chairman at the Czech Bar Association

2014 – present Member of the Board of Directors of the Czech Bar Association

2012 – present Arbitrator

Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic, Prague (Czech Republic)

2012 – present Arbitrator

Exchange Court of Arbitration at the Prague Stock Exchange, Prague (Czech Republic)

10. 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**

11. In which legal system have you trained? Czech Republic, EU law, US and Global Business Law

12. What is your main jurisdiction of practice? Czech Republic

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

Disputes arising from:

- Financing and Investments agreements
- M&A and join venture agreements
- Construction contracts

I am consistently ranked among leading practitioners in the areas of banking and finance and dispute resolution by the directories IFLR1000, The European Legal 500 and Chambers Europe 2015, Chambers Europe 2017. In addition, I have been named Banking and Finance Lawyer of the Year 2012 by Best Lawyers. I am, furthermore, listed and recommended in the areas of banking and finance, dispute resolution, M&A, corporate law and TMT in numerous other directories and publications, including Chambers Europe, Experts Guides, Legal Experts.

I have completed this questionnaire to the above to the best of my knowledge and believe they are accurate. I understand that the above information will be used for VIAC's internal use and may be given to interested persons and may be put on VIAC's website.

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Robert Němec