

Marie Talašová

EDUCATION

Queen Mary University of London, London, Great Britain
International Dispute Resolution LLM, 2020 - currently
Program for Senior Practitioners on International Dispute Resolution, with a Focus on Investment and Commercial Arbitrations.

University of Michigan School of Law, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Master of Laws (LL.M.), May 2010
Courses: Contracts Law, Torts, U.S. Constitutional Law, Sports Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshop, and International Dispute Resolution.

Masaryk University School of Law, Brno, Czech Republic
Master of Laws, September 2006
Specialized in European and International Law.

- Selected by the International Law Department as the Student Representative to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.
- Master's Thesis: The Standard of Fair and Equitable Treatment in Investment Protection Treaties.

EXPERIENCE

Talasova Legal, advokátní kancelář s.r.o., Prague, Czech Republic, *Managing Partner*, July 2025 – currently

- Advising and representing companies and investors in complex cross-border disputes and high-stakes negotiations, including proceedings before Czech courts, international arbitral tribunals, and regulatory authorities.
- Focus on international commercial and investment disputes, enforcement, sanctions, and strategic regulatory advice.

Wolf Theiss, Prague, Czech Republic, *Counsel*, January 2024 – June 2025

- Focus on litigation and regulatory matters, including Czech court proceedings, international arbitrations (VIAC and ICC), sanctions, FDI, energy law, and state aid for renewables.
- Specific experience: CISG disputes, enforcement of arbitration awards against frozen assets and in China, trade risk mitigation, sanctions compliance (Czech/international) across the CEE region.

Czech-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (UKRCHAM), *Board Member* (since April 2024), elected *Vice-Chairman of the Presidium*, since April 2025 – currently

- Association of over 150 Czech private companies operating internationally with focus on international trade and business in Ukraine.
- Experience: organization of events and legal seminars for members.

ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR, *national member*, June 2024 – currently

- Czech representative at a leading international forum that develops and promotes effective dispute resolution standards and policies. Contributes to the drafting and revision of ICC arbitration and ADR rules, and to shaping best practices in international dispute resolution.

Arbitration Court attached to the Prague Stock Exchange, Prague, Czech Republic
Independent arbitrator, November 2020 – currently

White & Case LLP, Prague, Czech Republic, *Associate*, October 2018 – December 2024

- Member of dispute resolution team with primary focus on litigation, arbitration, FDI, whistleblowing and energy law.
- Regularly spoke at international arbitration events about investment and commercial arbitration proceedings and negotiations of investment agreements.

Ministry of Finance, International Legal Services Department, Prague, Czech republic,
Head of Department, September 2014 – September 2018

- Responsible for the defense of the Czech Republic in 17 investment arbitrations and served as the lead negotiator of bilateral investment agreements on behalf of the Czech Republic with Iran, Israel, Ghana and Ethiopia.
- Advised Government officials responsible for the representation of the Czech Republic in litigation matters in front of European courts, in particular the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights, or other courts outside of the Czech Republic's jurisdiction.
- Assisted Government officials with negotiations with strategic investors.
- Advised the Minister and the Prime Minister on the issues concerning international law and EU law, especially in the area of state aid and regulation of the energy and gambling sectors.
- Organized annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Conference in Prague, which is a unique forum widely attended by state representatives from all over the world to discuss the recent developments in international investment law.
- Regularly spoke at international arbitration events about the defense of state in investment arbitration proceedings and negotiation of investment agreements.
- Head of State delegations to the UNCITRAL, ICSID, OECD and ECT.
- Organized public procurements on legal representation of the state in international disputes.

Energy Regulator Office, Prague, Czech Republic

Member of Appellate Body, November 2016 – September 2017

- Member of the appellate body for energy renewable sources.

Ministry of Finance, International Arbitrations Unit, Prague, Czech Republic,
Head of Unit, April 2014 – September 2014

Ministry of Finance, Protection of Foreign Investments and Foreign Receivables,
Prague, Czech Republic
Lawyer, March 2013 – April 2014

Office for the Protection of Competition, Public Procurement Department, Brno,
Czech Republic
Lawyer, December 2012 – February 2013

- Review of practices of the contracting entity regulated in §113 of the Act no. 137/2006 Coll. on Public Contracts.

The Rosemond Law Group P.C., Houston, Texas

Legal Research and Briefing Assistant, March 2011 – August 2012

- Legal research and briefing assistant for a boutique litigation firm specializing in representing governments in large-scale litigation.
- Primary responsibilities: research, writing, and analysis on American consumer protection and tort law.

International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France

Trainee, May 2009 - July 2009

- Primary responsibilities: research, writing and analysis in international commercial disputes before the Court.
- Co-authored a speech with the Court's Secretary General, Jason Fry, entitled "Awarding Costs and Lost Profits in International Arbitration: A Comparison of Investment to Commercial Disputes."
- Assisted in the drafting of a book chapter on alternative commercial dispute resolution in Eastern Europe.

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King & Spalding LLP, Houston, Texas and London, Great Britain

Foreign Legal Consultant, February 2007- January 2009

- Practice focused on European commercial and investment disputes with a focus on banking and insolvency cases.
- Primary responsibilities: research, analysis and writing on international legal issues, assisting to develop litigation strategy, drafting pleadings, working with experts and fact witnesses and client development.

Williams Bailey Law Firm, Houston, Texas

Law Clerk, June 2003-September 2003, January 2004-March 2004

- Law clerk at a litigation boutique that specialized in mass tort and pharmaceutical litigation; concentrated on the firm's pharmaceutical docket.
- Primary responsibilities: researched issues related to over 6,000 clients' compliance with the National Class Action Settlement Agreement and potential claims on the American Home Products' Settlement Trust.

LANGUAGE

Fluent in English and Czech; Limited Proficiency in German, Russian, and Slovakian; and Knowledge of French

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **EFILA Annual Conference 2025**, European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration, London, England, April 2025, Panelist speaking on recent Developments in International Trade.
- **Prague Arbitration Day**, Prague, Czech Republic, March 2025, Panelist on Challenging and Enforcement of Awards.
- **Česká Compliance Asociace**, Compliance conference, Prague, June 2024, Panelist on International Sanctions and Circumvention of Sanctions.
- **DIS Autumn Conference**, Third Party Funding, Berlin, Germany, September 2019, Panelist speaking on TPF's influence of the arbitration.
- **ICCA Sydney 2018**, XXIVth Congress, Sydney, Australia, April 2018, Panelist speaking on Arbitrations Involving Public Bodies and Public Interests: The Increasing Participation of Public Entities in International Arbitration.

- **Fifth International Conference for Euro-Mediterranean Community of International Arbitration**, Madrid, Spain, November 2018, Panelist speaking on Taxation of Foreign Investments under International Law.
- **Young ICCA Skills Workshop: Interim Measures in Investment Treaty Arbitration**, Prague, October 2017, Panelist.
- **EFILA Annual Conference 2016**, European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration, Paris, France, February 2016, Panelist speaking on recent developments in investment arbitration.
- **George Town University Law Center**, Washington D.C., USA, 24. February 2015, Panelist speaking on Prevention and Defense in Investment Disputes.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Pojistný obzor. Brexit a jeho vliv na pojištění**, co-author with T. Jíně, O. Bartoň, 31. February 2021
- **Právní rádce. Jak se zbytečně nesoudit**, 12. January 2021
- **Právní rádce, Chystané změny arbitrážních pravidel při Světové bance**, co-author with P. Polášek, January 2019
- **Arbitration Clauses and Disputes from the Central European Perspective**, co-author with J. Kudrna, J. Kalicki & M. A. Raouf, Evolution and Adaptation: The Future of Int. Arbitration. ICCA S. No.20. Wolters Kluwer 24. December 2019

INTERVIEWS

- Podcast Právníčky, 9. March 2022
- Právní rádce, Inspirují nás výjimečné životní příběhy, November 2019
- Hospodářské noviny, Pravidla pro arbitráže v EU se mění. České firmy by se měly zamyslet, zda jsou jejich investice dobře chráněny. 2. February 2019
- Hospodářské noviny, Chystáme nové mezinárodní dohody o ochraně investic, 24. March 2015
- Ekonom. Naší prioritou je vyhrávat arbitráže, 4. April 2015
- Epravo.cz. Nejlepší čas pracovat ve státní správě, 27. January 2015
- Lidové noviny. Češi zneužívají investiční arbitráže, 9. November 2015
- Lidové noviny. Žalují nás protože platíme, 3. May 2015