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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Degree in Law, Masaryk University, Brno, 2002;

LLM., (with Merit), Queen Mary & Westfield College, London, 1993;

Postgraduate Studies in IP Laws, Charles University, Faculty of Law, Prague, 1991;

Degree in Foreign Trade, University of Economy, Prague, 1985.

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LANGUAGES

Czech, English, Russian.

PRESENT POSITION

Head of IT & IP law practice group, Central European Advisory Group. Czech representative, Information Technology Law Group Europe. Also an advisor to Czech Data Protection Registrar.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Legal expert on IT & IP law, Czech law firm, Šipovic & partneri ,1993-96.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property Law, Telecommunications Law, E-commerce Law, Technology Law and general Commercial Legal matters.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Czech Bar as a young attorney.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Legal adviser to various Czech and international clients in electronic commerce projects. The advice included issues concerning the registration of Internet domain names, contracts over the Internet, implementation of electronic signatures, security issues on the Internet, Internet banking and other Internet-related issues;

Legal adviser in the preparation of complete legal documentation for one of the first Czech internet-based certification authority seeking state accreditation;

IP and IT legal adviser to a number of international IT and telecommunications companies including Microsoft Corp., Intel Corp., Hewlett-Packard and KPNQwest;

Negotiator of major IT contracts awarded in the Czech Republic on behalf of major Czech commercial companies as well as administrative bodies;

Legislative Experience

Participation, on behalf of BSA, in a group of experts who prepared an amendment of the Czech Copyright Act in 1996;

Participation, on behalf of the Czech Association of Public Libraries, in a group of experts who prepared a new Czech Copyright Act in 2000;

Participation in a group of experts who prepared an amendment of the Czech Customs Law, with special emphasis on provisions allowing electronic customs procedure;

Preparation of a study analyzing different Western European laws on electronic customs procedure and preparation of a draft of an implementation decree on the subject for the Czech General Customs Directorate;

Preparation of a study analyzing U.S. and Western European regulation of security of information systems, for a client within Czech administration;

Co-author of a study analyzing legal barriers to the development of e-government in the Czech Republic.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Actively involved in setting-up a self-regulatory system for the registration of domain names in the Czech Republic;

Legal adviser to a number of Czech and international companies – owners of recognized brands - in mediation and disputes with holders of domain names registrations in .cz domain.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Publications

Chapter on “Czech and Slovak Copyright Law” in International Copyright and Neighboring Rights, Volume 2, edited by Prof. S.M. Stewart, CBE, QC, *Butterworths* 1993, (Co-author with JUDr. Josef Slanina and JUDr. Martin Boháček, CSc.);

Chapter on “Czech and Slovak Information Technology Law” and chapter on “Information Technology Law in Central and Eastern Europe in “European Computer Law”, published by *Transnational Publications*, New York in 1996;

“Software Licensing and Distribution in Czechoslovakia”, *European Intellectual Property Review*, Vol. 15, Num.7, 1992;

“Competition law and software licensing”, *Computer Law & Practice*, Vol. 8, Num. 5, 1992;

“Telecommunications Law in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Kluwer, the Netherlands”, 1993, (Co-author with Vicki Sinden, Baker & McKenzie);

“Franchising – success without waiting”, *Grada* 1994, (Co-author with Dana Lukaj, Patent attorney);

Chapter on legal aspects of electronic communications and evidential value of electronic messages in *Elektronický obchod a EDI*, UNIS edition, 1996;

Chapter on “Legal Aspects of character merchandising in the Czech Republic” in a book analyzing legal aspects of character merchandising in selected countries, (Co-author with Prof. Hajn), to be published in 2002;

Author of chapters on legal aspects of e-commerce including domain names in the Czech Republic for *Getting the Deal Through 2001 and 2002*;

Author or co-author of many articles on legal aspects of Internet and e-commerce, published in Czech journals.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Acted in an advisory role in over 10 cases in courts of first instance and appellate courts in the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic over the period 1994 to the present time.

Subject matter of the court cases concerned copyright infringement, trade mark infringement, unfair competition, and the interpretation of licensing contracts.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

Received professional training in international mediation during LLM studies at QMW in London and in national mediation in the Czech Republic, at the Charles University in Prague and Masaryk University in Brno.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Acted as legal adviser in over 10 national mediations and in over 5 international mediations.

The national mediations were either ad hoc or conducted under the auspices of the Czech Arbitration Court in Prague. The international mediations were ad hoc.

The subject matter of the mediations concerned intellectual property licenses involving trademarks and copyright and contractual disputes related to information technology.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Received professional training in international arbitration during LLM studies at QMW in London and in national arbitration in the Czech Republic, at the Charles University in Prague and Masaryk University in Brno.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Acted as legal adviser in 3 national arbitrations in the Czech Republic.

The national arbitrations were conducted under the auspices of the Czech Arbitration Court in Prague.

The subject matter of the arbitrations concerned contractual disputes related to information technology.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	AAA					
	ICC					
	LCIA					
	Ad Hoc					
Number of cases: sub-total						
Domestic Arbitrations	AAA					
	Ad Hoc					
	Czech Arbitration Court in Prague	3				x
Number of cases: sub-total		3				
TOTAL		3				

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role	
	Name	Number of Mediations	Mediator	Counsel
International Mediations				
	Ad hoc	5-10		x
Number of cases: sub-total		5		
Domestic Mediations (Estimates)	AAA			
	Court-annexed			
	Ad Hoc	10-15		x
Number of cases: sub-total		10		x
TOTAL		15		