



František Korbel

Partner

František Korbel specialises in legislation and public administration, administrative and constitutional law, construction law, right to information, e-Government, and IT law.

Between 2007 and 2013, he served as a Justice Minister deputy for legislation and informatics. At the Ministry of Justice, he managed the private law recodification project and played a key role in the adoption of the new Civil and Criminal Codes, the Business Corporations Act, the Private International Law Act, the reform of service of documents, the reform of appeals on points of law, and the major amendment to the Code of Administrative Justice (Act No. 303/2011 Sb.). František was also instrumental in the enactment of new laws on corporate criminal liability, security detention, victims of crime, mediation, and register of contracts. During his tenure, significant e-Justice tools were introduced, including the Insolvency Register, data mailboxes, and the Basic Registers system.

Between 2009 and 2010, he also briefly served as Deputy Minister of the Environment. Since 2006, he has been an active member of the Legislative Council of the Government.

He deals with e-Government, legislation, and public law matters. František was a key author of the Digital Services Act, which was voted Law of the Year 2019 by the public, and the Bank Identity Act, which earned the same title in 2020. He also led the team of authors behind the original draft of the new Building Act, named Law of the Year 2021. Remarkably, František is the only lawyer to have ever received the Czech Architecture Award, recognized for his work on drafting the Prague Building Regulations.

In academia, he teaches at the Department of Administrative Law and Administrative Science at the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague, where he leads seminars on e-Government, the right to information, and construction law.

František is a lecturer at the Judicial Academy, the educational agency BOVA, and HAVEL & PARTNERS ACADEMY. He publishes and lectures on construction and administrative law, information technologies, and legislation. František is a co-author of the Commentary and Collection of Case Law on the Act on Freedom of Access to Information, Jirs's Judicial Commentary on the Civil Procedure Code, contributed to Melzer's Large Commentary on the Civil Code, and popular comparison tables showing changes between the former and the new private law. He is currently finalizing a White Commentary on the New Building Act for leading legal publisher C. H. Beck.

Projects

- won dozens of disputes particularly related to access to information and construction issues at administrative courts and the Supreme Administrative Court
- successfully repealed part of the Act on Free Access to Information, which prevented disclosure of judgements prior to their coming into force
- led the team of authors in drafting the new Building Act
- contributed to the preparation of building regulations for Prague, Brno, and Ostrava; for drafting the Prague building regulations, he was awarded the Czech Architecture Prize
- participated in the preparation of the Digital Services Act and the establishment of bank identity
- organised city development projects, was involved in urban planning, zoning and building permit procedures and local referenda
- leads the HAVEL & PARTNERS team in developing methodologies for urban cooperation with investors; prepared methodologies and contract templates for Prague, Brno, Jihlava, and several municipal districts of the Capital City of Prague
- leads the HAVEL & PARTNERS team supporting the adoption of the Metropolitan Plan for the Capital City of Prague.
- represents parties to large real estate transactions and complex restitution disputes
- represented parties to legal disputes in Germany and Austria
- led the process of revoking unlawfully acquired university degrees and personally drafted, promoted and defended the decision on the revoking of unlawfully acquired graduate and postgraduate degrees at the Faculty of Law of the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen
- as a Deputy Minister of Justice, he led the Legislative Section, where since 2007 he managed work on (among others) the adoption of the new Criminal Code 2007, the Act on Security Detention, several amendments reforming the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Civil Procedure Code, the Administrative Procedure Code, the Insolvency Act, the Arbitration Rules, the Code of Notarial Practice and the Code of Executor's Practice, the large amendment to the Act on Courts and Judges, the amendment to the Act on Court Experts and Interpreters, the Act on Higher Judicial Officers, the amendment to the Act on Legal Profession, the Act on Insolvency Trustees, the Act on Electronic Acts and Authorised Conversion of Paper Documents, the Mediation Act, the Act on Victims of

Criminal Offences, the reform of the Supreme Court appellate procedure in civil matters, the Act on Criminal Liability of Legal Entities, then abolishment of anonymous shares, the Act on Transformation of Companies and Cooperatives, the New Civil Code, the Companies Act, the Act on Private International Law and auxiliary legislation for the recodification of private law

- as a Deputy Minister of Justice, he led the project of implementation of a new private law, securing the publicity of the effects of the new Civil Code and education and in the judicial and public administration sectors
- as a Deputy Minister of Justice, he led a digitalisation project in the judicial sector; implementing the insolvency register, electronic payment orders, the InfoSoud, InfoJednání and InfoData, applications the electronic notice board, data boxes, main registers, publication of the case law of courts of lower instances, automatic voice transcription, the new commercial register and the electronic originals of court files in pilot projects (CEPR, enforcement)
- as a member of the Legislative Council of the Czech Government, he has assessed hundreds of other acts submitted by public administration central bodies since 2006
- in addition to his role at the Faculty of Law at Charles University in Prague, he has also served at the Faculty of Law at Masaryk University in Brno, the Faculty of Law at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, and the Faculty of Art and Architecture at the Technical University of Liberec
- since 2000, he has been active in municipal affairs as a member of the town assembly and the council of the City of Tábor

Membership in professional associations

Czech Bar Association (a member of Public Law Section)

Office of the Government, Legislative Council of the Government, Remonstrance Committee

Supreme Audit Authority, Remonstrance Committee

Ministry of Justice, commissioner for judicial exams

Ministry of the Interior (a member of the editorial board of the *Správní právo* journal)

Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague, Department of Administrative Law and Administrative Science

Languages

Czech, German, English

Education

Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno (2005), Ph.D.

Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno (2000), Mgr.

Masaryk University, Faculty of Philosophy/Faculty of Social Studies, Brno (Sociology)

Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prague (Mass Communication)

Europa-institut, Saarland University, Saarbrücken

Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Faculty of Law, University Salzburg