



Michal Kandrác

Senior Associate

Michal Kandrác specialises in technology, intellectual property law, film, media and gaming.

Michal primarily focuses on film/series production, video games industry, and liability for digital content. He has ample experience in the field of entertainment law, regularly advising film studios, producers, game developers, financiers, investors, broadcasters, and platform operators.

In the area of technology law, he focuses on providing comprehensive advice related to information technology, artificial intelligence, digital services, and software systems, including R&D. He also attends to transactions related to acquisitions or sale of technology assets and/or setting up internal structures and buyer-supplier relations in the IT sector.

Before joining Havel & Partners in 2019, Michal worked in renowned Czech law firms where he focused mainly on corporate law, M&A, telecommunications, data protection, intellectual property, dispute resolution, and administrative proceedings.

Projects

- comprehensive advice in connection with the production of films and series for leading global film studios
- advising on development of a videogame using artificial intelligence
- advising leading global banks and producers on taking security over Czech film productions and related film incentives
- advising on corporate structure setup for videogame development and distribution, including related legal support
- legal support in connection with the patenting of artificial intelligence across key jurisdictions worldwide (USA, China, Europe)
- comprehensive assessment of the risk of legal liability for exploiting online content for a leading global IT company
- advising in connection with disputes between broadcasters related to original production and retransmissions of programs with exclusive content
- advising on the acquisition of a global restaurant franchise for a Czech franchisee
- providing support in negotiations for sponsorship between technology companies and leading global universities
- navigating broadcasters, retransmission organisations, AVMS providers, and cinema operators through regulatory obligations and administrative proceedings
- advising a foreign media company on the acquisition of a Czech broadcaster

Membership in professional associations

Czech Bar Association

Languages

Czech, English

Education

Charles University, Faculty of Law, Prague (2018), Mgr. (Master of Laws)

Charles University, Faculty of Law, Prague (2021), JUDr. (Doctor of Laws)

University of Glasgow, School of Law, Glasgow (2016-2017), ERASMUS+ programme focused on intellectual property law

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