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Martin Šimek Managing Associate

Martin Šimek specialises in representing clients in litigation and arbitration. He also focuses on insolvency and restructuring, and on negotiating business contractual relations.

In litigation, he represents companies and entrepreneurs (both as claimants and as defendants) in comprehensive disputes and judicial and arbitration proceedings in the Czech Republic and abroad, including in proceedings with an international element. In connection with commercial dispute resolution, Martin also advises on alternative and amicable forms of settlement.

In restructuring and insolvency, he focuses on comprehensive advice on issues related to insolvency, client representation in insolvency proceedings, and in incidental disputes.

In commercial contractual relations, he has extensive experience, mainly in negotiating and drafting commercial contracts in transport, engineering and construction.

Before joining our law firm, he worked for more than six years in major Czech law firms. Additionally, he spent time in a leading international law firm in Rotterdam. In his legal practice, Martin focused on mergers and acquisitions, legal audits and due diligence, representing clients both as sellers and buyers.

Projects

- advising foreign companies in disputes for damages and in related insolvency proceedings with a value over CZK 0.5 bil.
- advising a leading Czech company in connection with a dispute relating to a trademark abuse and unfair competition
- advising a major international company in arbitration relating to a gas price review exceeding the value of billions of euro
- representing a leading Dutch business company in a dispute arising from the international transport of goods
- advising in restitution disputes exceeding the value of CZK 100 million
- advising a leading Czech company in a dispute with minority shareholders for the invalidity of a general meeting's resolution on a squeeze-out
- advising in connection with the preparation of contracts for the supply of goods in a volume value exceeding CZK 1 billion
- advising a multinational company in connection with an employment-related dispute with employees; drafting opinions and internal bylaws, and negotiating with employees
- advising a world-leading financial services provider in financing and acquisition of an account receivables portfolio of Czech customers
- advising a financial institution in the acquisition of a portfolio of leasing receivables
- advising a bank in relation to the sale of a portfolio of non-performing loans
- advising on mergers and acquisitions, due diligence and company financing

Membership in professional associations

Czech Bar Association

Languages

Czech, English

Education

Erasmus University Rotterdam, School of Law, Rotterdam, Netherlands (2014), LL.M. University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Faculty of Law (2010), Mgr. (Master of Laws) University of Newcastle, Newcastle, Australia (2009)

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