

Chambers Europe 2007

Our law office and its lawyers are ranked by the recognized publication Chambers Europe–Europe’s Leading Lawyers for Business as one of the most high-profile firms in the CR, with ratings in commercial law, litigation agenda, intellectual property and real estate. We provide some illustrations of CHE assessment:

1./ CORPORATE/ M&A

The Firm:

One of the client commendations received for this team’s corporate and M&A work is up there with the very best: *”This is a no-brainer. We do not need to think about other firms, as this one does it all, and delivers great service.”* Konečná & Šafář recently added a tax capacity to its existing commercial, corporate and labour bias, creating a genuine *„one-stop shop.”*

The Lawyers:

According to clients, *“problem solver”* Pavel Šafář *“irons out all the problems.”*

Clients/Work Highlights:

Lawyers here acted on the acquisition of a phone distributor for Vodafone and cater for a range of domestic and international clients.

2./ DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Firm:

“These lawyers are young and aggressive,” say sources, *“and understand the commercial motives of their clients.”* The team has acted in numerous commercial cases and its recommended for its expertise in competition and labour disputes. Lawyers here also have a strong profile in international arbitrations; they have represented the Czech state in two BIT arbitrations and they are involved in a USD2 billion ICC case.

The Lawyers:

Pavel Šafář is a registered arbitrator and acts on national and international commercial disputes.

Clients/Work Highlights:

The team acted for Vodafone in two court disputes over unfair competition.

3./ INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Firm:

Clients were unequivocal about the trust they place in this team, adding: *“Compared to other firms they have a better ability to deliver the final package, and have a good*

feel for both business and the law. “ Catering to a domestic and multinational clientele, the firm provides services on trade mark protection, Internet domain registration and copyright licensing and protection. Clients include a major international hotel chain, a Czech state department and a leading mobile telecommunications company.

The Lawyers:

Managing partner Tomáš Zacha is widely respected for his *“flexibility, professionalism and ability to get things done.”*

Clients/Work Highlights:

This firm was recently hired to manage a portfolio of over 60 trade marks for a global cigar manufacturer.

4./ REAL ESTATE

The Firm:

Its experience across the sector makes this operation an *“excellent alternative to some of the more high-profile offices.”* The department handles a range of real estate acquisitions, sales and lettings, though it is perhaps best known for advising developers and investors on retail and residential projects. According to clients, *„the firm is one of the few that boast deep knowledge of the retail side of property transactions.”* Recent highlights include acting on several shopping centre transactions throughout the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The Lawyers:

Clients warmly recommend Radka Konečná, describing her *“as a great negotiator and consensus builder.”*

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