



Jan Šturm
Partner

Jan Šturm is a leading specialist in dispute resolution and commercial litigation. As a legal counsel and attorney-at-law he has participated in the resolution of disputes worth in total tens of billions of Czech crowns. He is a listed arbitrator with the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and the Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic.

In dispute resolution, Jan has advised a number of leading Czech and multinational companies and entrepreneurs carrying out business in the field of energy, metallurgy, light industry, banking, transport, construction and IT.

Jan has extensive experience representing clients in legally and technically complex cases including those which involve foreign elements and jurisdictions. In connection with dispute resolution, he also provides legal advice relating to alternative resolutions and conciliation. He also represents clients in complex commercial disputes involving intellectual property issues and unfair competition. He is a co-author of a prestigious commentary on unfair competition provisions of the Czech Civil Code.

Jan has also extensive experience in representing clients in judicial reviews of administrative decisions. In this connection, he participated, e.g., in representing clients in judicial review of zoning decisions and building permits for major construction projects in the Czech Republic, and in judicial review of administrative decisions issued by the Czech Office for the Protection of Competition and other administrative authorities of the Czech Republic.

Prior to joining our law firm, Jan worked almost eleven years with a leading international law firm.

Projects

- advising a major industrial company in connection with several interrelated commercial disputes with a supplier before Czech courts, with the disputed amount exceeding in the aggregate CZK 31 billion
- advising a major industrial company on litigation with a supplier of technological equipment, with the disputed amount exceeding CZK 1 billion
- advising a client in connection with a long-term commercial dispute with a strategic supplier concerning amounts exceeding in the aggregate CZK 1 billion
- advising a client on defence against unjustified claims worth in the aggregate several billions of CZK
- advising a client in connection with an amicable out-of-court settlement of a protracted commercial dispute with a supplier of a strategic raw material
- advising a major Czech company in connection with litigation involving the abuse of trademarks and unfair competition practices used by its competitor
- advising a client on judicial review of the zoning decision and building permit by administrative courts with respect to a construction project worth nearly CZK 37 billion
- advising a client in connection with several cassation complaints before the Supreme Administrative Court concerning wrongful decisions of tax administration authorities with strong potential impact on the client's financial position
- advising a client in connection with judicial review of building permits for a major infrastructure project worth over CZK 10 billion
- advising a client in connection with proceedings before the Czech Office for the Protection of Competition concerning the review of the client's conduct with respect to a contract worth over CZK 5 billion
- advising a Czech client in connection with negotiations with foreign suppliers concerning a complex contract for the provision of strategic services in the energy sector, worth several billions of CZK
- advising a Czech client in connection with negotiations concerning long-term contracts with foreign partners for cooperation in the transport business
- legal advice in connection with a contract for rehabilitation of a major technological facility
- advising on negotiation of a strategic mineral mining contract
- advising a Czech engineering company on asserting their claims against a foreign contractor and the associated negotiations with the foreign partner
- advising a major Czech company on negotiation of a contract with a foreign supplier for the supply of rail cars exceeding CZK 5 billion
- advising a major telecommunication company on consolidation of their business in the Czech Republic and associated corporate changes

Membership in professional associations

Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) – an arbitrator

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) – an arbitrator

Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic and the Agricultural Chamber of the Czech Republic – an arbitrator

Czech Bar Association – an attorney and a member of the disciplinary panel

Czech Institute for the Popularisation and Revitalisation of Arbitration (CZIPRA) – a member

Languages

Czech, English

Education

University College London (UCL), Faculty of Laws, London, United Kingdom (2008), LL.M. (with merits)

Masaryk University in Brno, Faculty of Law, Brno (2004), Mgr. (Master of Laws)

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Law School, Rotterdam, Netherlands (2002)

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