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## International Section

### **Prague Regional Meeting**

Czech Bar Association Danube Palace, Vorsilska 14, Prague March 8-9, 2012

You will learn about diverse issues in International commercial transactions, including:

- Hot topics in international distribution
- •CISG issues and latest developments
- Bribery and corruption legislation



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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **Thursday, March 8**

3:00 - 5:00 pm **International Section Executive Committee Meeting** 

Sponsored and hosted by: Kocián Šolc Balaštík, law firm

Jungmannova 24, 2nd floor, Prague

7:00 - 9:00 pm **Optional Dinner** 

Venue to be determined

#### Friday, March 9

#### **Diverse Issues in International Commercial Transactions**

Hosted by: Czech Bar Association, Danube Palace, Voršilská 14, Prague

Moderator of the event:

**Jiří Horník** (Senior Associate, Kocián Šolc Balaštík, Prague)

9:00 - 9:15 am **Welcome Speech** 

Representative of the Czech Bar Association – **Antonín Mokrý** (CBA Vice-Chairman,

Prague)

Representative of NYSBA - Andre R. Jaglom (NYSBA International Law Section Chairman,

New York)

9:15 - 10:30 am **Hot Topics in International Distribution** 

> Distribution industry includes all parts of the supply chain that begins with the supply of raw materials and components to the manufacturing industry and ends with the purchase of finished products by the consumer. This panel will focus on the most critical issues the

stakeholders are currently facing, such as:

- the latest trends in negotiating distribution contracts

- advertising and selling products and services over the internet

**Panel Chair: Andre R. Jaglom** (Partner, Tannenbaum Helpern Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP, New York)

**Panelists** Adrian Barger (Partner, Barger & Prekop, Bratislava) - "How does EU Competition Law Affect Distribution Buisiness?"

Gerald Ferguson (Partner, Baker Hostetler, New York) - "Data transfers and redistribution -

New York law perspective"

**Jitka Součková** (Director Legal Affairs, TESCO, Prague) - "Critical distribution issues from

the perspective of a retail chain"

Christian Hammerl (Partner, WolfTheiss, Vienna) - "Vertical Restraints and Resale Price Maintenance - Recent Developments and Basic Policy Differences Between the EU and the

**U.S.**"

**Coffee Break** 10:30 – 10:45 pm

10:45 - 12:00 pm Selected Issues and Considerations related to the United Nations Convention on

Contracts for the International Sale of (CISG)

Many lawyers only mention the CISG when excluding its applicability in the contract. Is this approach correct in view of the divergent benefits of the CISG for the seller and buyer? The discussion will expose fundamental understanding of the CISG and will also focus on the latest trends in interpreting the CISG, its benefits and perils, and its assessment on the backdrop of the US Uniform Commercial Code as well as the applicable European regulations.

Panel Chair: Luca Castellani (Legal Officer, UNCITRAL, Vienna)

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Panelists Luca Castellani (Legal Officer, UNCITRAL, Vienna) – "Interpretation of the CISG: Tools and

Cultural Trends"

**Prof. Monika Pauknerová** (Law Faculty, Charles University, Prague) – "Relationship between CISG, Rome I Regulation and Common European Sales Law"

**Andrea Čárska-Sheppard** (Hrubý & Buchvaldek, Prague/Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, Raleigh) – "Practical issues and considerations related to the CISG"

**Szymon Gostynski** (Partner, Gostynski, law firm, Krakow) – "Application of the CISG in the Polish commercial disputes"

12:00 – 1:30 pm **Luncheon** 

1:30 – 3:15 pm Bribery & Corruption - the need to get it right and the business case behind good

practice

This session will look at the increasing reach of foreign anti-corruption laws including the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK Bribery Act 2010. We will also hear from the CEO of Siemens in Hungary on the cost to a business in falling afoul of a corruption investigation and the business advantages in doing business the right way.

**Panel Chair:** Jonathan Armstrong (Duane Morris LLP, London)

**Panelists:** Otto Waechter (Partner, Graf & Pitkowitz, Vienna) – "FCPA, UK Bribery Act interpreted

from a EU non-US/UK perspective"

Beth Hansen (Senior Counsel, Goodrich, North Carolina) – "Recent developments in the

FCPA implementation - Just How Fat is the FCPA's Reach?"

Andrea Novosedliková (Manager, Deloitte, Bratislava) - "How Does the FCPA Apply in

the Context of Third-Party Relationships"

**Dale Martin** (CEO, Siemens, Budapest) – "Bribery & Corruption - businessman's

perspective"

3:30 – 5:00 PM Chapter Chairs Reception

Sponsored and hosted by: Hrubý & Buchvaldek, Prague

Ovocný trh 2/580, Prague

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