



František Korbel

Partner

František Korbel specialises in public administration, administrative and constitutional law, construction law, legislation, right to information, and IT law.

Prior to joining our law firm he established and was a partner at the successful law firm Korbel, Tuháček & Partners. Prior to that, he worked in local government. He started his career as a lawyer in the asset management department of Tábor Town Council and then served three office terms as a local government deputy and two terms as a city council member.

From 2006 he worked in public administration, firstly as a vice-chairman of the Legislative Council of the Czech Government and between 2007 and 2013 as a deputy to Justice Ministers Jiří Pospíšil, Pavel Blažek and Marie Benešová. At the Ministry of Justice, he managed the private law recodification project. In 2009–2010 he was the Deputy Minister of the Environment.

In 2009 he became a lecturer at the Department of Administrative Law and Administrative Science at the Faculty of Law of the University of West Bohemia in Plzeň. Since 2011 he has held the same position at the Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague, leading a seminar on the right to information and a legislation course. He is a lecturer at the Judicial Academy. He publishes and lectures on civil and administrative law, information technologies, and legislation. František is a co-author of the large commentary to the new Civil Code, published by Leges, and popular comparison tables showing changes between the former and the new private legislation. He manages the firm's training ACADEMY.

Transactions

- winning dozens of disputes related to access to information at administrative courts and the Supreme Administrative Court
- successfully repealing part of the Act on Free Access to Information, which prevented disclosure of judgements prior to their coming into force
- drafting bills of the Act on Building Authorities, Act on Social Housing and Act on Lobbying, and amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Czech Parliament (improvement of the legislative process), Act on Association in Political Parties and Movements (regulation of political parties, including their financing)
- organising city development projects, involvement in urban planning, zoning and building permit procedures and local referenda
- acting for parties applying for a permit procedure concerning the Temelín nuclear power station
- acting for parties to complex restitution disputes and co-owner real estate transactions in Prague
- acting for parties to disputes in Germany and Austria
- leading the process of revoking unlawfully acquired university degrees and personally drafting, promoting and defending the decision on the revoking of unlawfully acquired graduate and postgraduate degrees at the Faculty of Law of the University of West Bohemia in Plzeň
- leading, as a Deputy Minister of Justice, the Legislative Section, where from 2007 he organised work on (among others) the adoption of the new Criminal Code 2007, the Act on Security Detention, several amendments reforming the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Civil Procedure Code, the Administrative Procedure Code, the Insolvency Act, the Arbitration Rules, the Code of Notarial Practice and the Code of Executor's Practice, the large amendment to the Act on Courts and Judges, the amendment to the Act on Court Experts and Interpreters, the Act on Higher Judicial Officers, the amendment to the Act on Legal Profession, the Act on Insolvency Trustees, the Act on Electronic Acts and Authorised Conversion of Paper Documents, the Mediation Act, the Act on Victims of Criminal Offences, the reform of the Supreme Court appellate procedure in civil matters, the Act on Criminal Liability of Legal Entities, then abolishment of anonymous shares, the Act on Transformation of Companies and Cooperatives, the New Civil Code, the Companies Act, the Act on Private International Law and auxiliary legislation for the recodification of private law
- leading, as a Deputy Minister of Justice, the project of implementation of a new private law, securing the publicity of the effects of the new Civil Code and education and in the judicial and public administration sectors

- leading, as a Deputy Minister of Justice, a digitalisation project in the judicial sector; implementing the insolvency register, electronic payment orders, the InfoSoud, InfoJednání and InfoData, applications the electronic notice board, data boxes, main registers, publication of the case law of courts of lower instances, automatic voice transcription, the new commercial register and the electronic originals of court files in pilot projects (CEPR, enforcement)
- evaluating, as a vice-chairman of the Legislative Council of the Czech Government, hundreds of other acts submitted by public administration central bodies between 2006 and 2013
- from 2018 to 2020 the head of a team of authors of the Czech Chamber of Commerce for the preparation of public construction law recodification

Membership in professional associations

The Czech Bar Association (a member of the Legislation and Public Law Section)

The Office of the Government, the Legislative Council of the Government

The Remonstrance Committees of the Supreme Audit Authority and of the Office of the Government

Czech Ministry of Justice, commissioner for judicial exams

Faculty of Law of Charles University in Prague, assistant professor at the Department of Administrative Law and Administrative Science

The Ministry of the Interior (a member of the editorial board of the *Správní právo* journal)

The firm's permanent representative in the ICT Union

Languages

Czech, German, English

Education

Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno (2005), Ph.D.

Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, Brno (2000), Mgr.

Masaryk University, Faculty of Philosophy/Faculty of Social Studies, Brno (Sociology)

Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prague (Mass communication)

Europainstitut, Saarland University, Saarbrücken

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