

# 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## in PRAGUE 21 & 22 September

### at Grand Hotel Bohemia

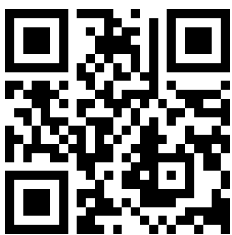
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**CURRENT ISSUES IN ARBITRATION | COLLECTIVE REDRESS | LEGAL ISSUES ARISING FROM THE INVASION OF UKRAINE – LOOKING TO THE FUTURE | CHALLENGES FACED BY TRUSTEES OF OFFSHORE TRUSTS | AI IN DISPUTES | PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH LEGISLATION & LITIGATION**

#### CONFIRMED SPEAKERS & CHAIRS INCLUDE

**Vladimír Ambruz**, consultant solicitor, Czech Republic and England & Wales; **Ingrid Beránková Ambruzová**, Partner at Harber; **Charles Ciumei KC**, Essex Court Chambers; **Dr Alessandra Donti**, Référéndaire CJEU; **Nathy Dunleavy**, Bar of Ireland; **Jamas Hodivala KC**, Matrix Chambers; **James Hope**, Vinge; **The Hon Mr Justice Richard Humphreys**, High Court of Ireland; **Dr Václav Janeček**, University of Bristol; **Clíona Kimber SC**, chair of the Climate Bar Association of Ireland; **Klára Król**, member of the Board of Directors, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; **Niamh Leinwather**, Vienna International Arbitral Centre; **Martin Maisner**, Vice-President of the Czech Bar Association; **Paul McGarry SC**, Bar of Ireland; **Antonín Mokrý**, Board of Directors of the Czech Bar Association and past president of the CCBE; **Catherine Moore**, partner, Ogier; **Robert Němec**, President of the Czech Bar Association; **The Hon Mrs Justice Finola O'Farrell**, Presiding Judge of the Technology and Construction Court, England & Wales; **Sara Phelan SC**, Chair of the Bar of Ireland; **Dr Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg**, University of Nottingham and Bars of New York and the Czech Republic; **Lucy Rigby**, Partner at Hausfeld; **Ben Rusch**, vice president of review solutions (Europe and Asia), Consilio; **Irena Sabic KC**, Garden Court Chambers; **Olena Sukmanova**, former First Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine; **Nick Vineall KC**, Chair of the Bar of England & Wales.

**THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A DRINKS RECEPTION AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY, GALA DINNER AT RESTAURACE OBEČNI DUM & A COURT VISIT.**



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Dear Member of the Czech Bar,

The European Circuit invites you to its **Annual Conference**, which is taking place at the Grand Hotel Bohemia in Prague on 21–22 September 2023, in association with the Czech Bar Association. For full details about the programme, speakers and registration, please visit [www.europeancircuit.com](http://www.europeancircuit.com).

The European Circuit of the Bar is formally a “circuit” of the Bar of England and Wales, but membership is open to all lawyers and legal academics with an interest in cross-border issues in Europe, throughout the geographical jurisdictions of the European Union and the European Convention on Human Rights. The European Circuit holds a conference each year in a different location across Europe and we are delighted to be coming to Prague this year.

We are very pleased to be offering Czech lawyers a special price of only **€240** for this year's conference. This fee includes all conference sessions over the two days, the Thursday night drinks reception in the British Embassy in the historic Thun Palace, the Gala Dinner at the spectacular Restaurace Obecni Dum on the Friday evening and all other social events.

The topics at this year's conference include: current issues in arbitration with a focus on the Prague Rules; collective redress; future legal issues arising from the invasion of Ukraine, including sanctions, dispute resolution and moving from freezing to confiscation; the challenges faced by trustees of off-shore trusts; the use of AI in dispute resolution; protecting the environment through legislation and litigation; and an opening session with the leaders of the Bars of the Czech Republic, England & Wales and Ireland. We have also arranged a visit to the Prague Municipal Court so that delegates can get an insight into the Czech legal system.

The speakers on the programme are leading lawyers and judges from across Europe and further afield, including distinguished names from the Czech legal community: **Robert Němec**, President of the Czech Bar Association; **Martin Maisner**, Vice-President of the Czech Bar Association; **Ingrid Beránková Ambruzová**, partner at Harber; **Antonín Mokrý**, substitute member of the Board of Directors of the Czech Bar Association, and past President of the CCBE; **Klára Król**, member of the Board of Directors, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; **Klara Polackova Van der Ploeg**, University of Nottingham and Bars of New York and the Czech Republic; **Václav Janeček**, University of Bristol and University of Oxford; and **Vladimir Ambruz**, consulting solicitor.

The Circuit conference is always a very sociable occasion, with people travelling from across Europe to meet colleagues from other jurisdictions and make connections. We are very much looking forward to meeting many new Czech colleagues and fostering links between the Czech Bar and the European Circuit and hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

Michael Bowsher

Leader of the European Circuit