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**Transactional lawyer with Wall Street experience • Stanford alumnus
Licensed to practice law in New York, England & Wales, and the Czech Republic**

Main Practice Areas

INVESTMENT, VENTURE CAPITAL:

- fund subscription documentation
- founder agreements
- convertible debt instruments
- earn-out agreements
- fund operative documentation
- investor agreements and side letters
- option agreements
- term sheets

CORPORATE:

- board minutes, shareholder resolutions
- assignment agreements
- shareholder agreements
- share purchase agreements
- articles of association, by-laws
- company formation
- compliance matters
- asset purchase agreements

OTHER TRANSACTIONAL:

- license agreements
- service and supply contracts
- real estate
- loan agreements
- energy performance contracts
- engagement letters

Professional Background

FONVILLE LEGAL, Prague, Czech Republic – Owner, 4/2018 – present www.fonvillelegal.com
Provide counsel, as international attorney licensed in New York, England & Wales, and the Czech Republic, to a variety of clients including sustainable coastal vacation resort developers, successful fintech company, leading regional investment bank, and global software company with best-in-class product. Part of team of experienced venture capital lawyers based in London and New York (Seven Legal).

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, Prague, Czech Republic – Adjunct Professor, 7/2017 – 6/2021
Taught law (Commercial Law, Contract Law) as *lektor* at Anglo-American University law school, which offers an LLB degree as part of the University of London. Member, AAU Faculty Senate (1998-2020).

PURRINGTON MOODY WEIL, Greensboro, NC / New York, NY – Associate, 6/2015 – 8/2016
Performed a wide variety of corporate work, focusing on the operations and transactions of private equity and hedge funds making investments in the environmental, energy, finance, aerospace, and other sectors, for boutique firm with a sophisticated practice. Work also included updating fund compliance manuals.

INDEPENDENTLY REGISTERED ATTORNEY, Prague, Czech Republic – 10/2009 – 9/2014
Engagements included providing counsel to AVG Technologies, Gide Loyrette Nouel, and Taylor Wessing on a wide range of transactions, including in M&A, finance, licensing and real estate, utilizing English, French, Czech, and Slovak. Presented on anti-corruption compliance at international conference in 2014.

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM, New York, NY – Associate, 3/2007 – 3/2009
Advised on the formation, operations, and acquisitions of numerous funds for investment groups managing up to \$1.4 trillion in assets, with special attention to regulatory considerations under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Participated as member of banking team in various matters including \$7.4B sale of Chrysler to Cerberus Capital Management. Skadden named “Wall Street’s Most Powerful Law Firm” by *Forbes* (1/2009).

LAW OFFICES OF KOČIÁN ŠOLC BALAŠŤÍK, Prague, Czech Rep. – Associate, 9/2005 – 1/2007

Worked on a variety of cross-border corporate and M&A transactions (including \$3B group restructuring) as part of a Chambers Global top-tier department at the Czech Republic's then-largest law firm, regularly named Czech Republic Law Firm of the Year by *Who's Who Legal*.

CEELI INSTITUTE, Prague, Czech Rep. – Research Attorney and Project Coordinator, 7/2004 – 8/2005

Implemented courses for judges and legal experts from countries experiencing significant legal development. Assisted with International Advisory Board meeting attended by Supreme Court Justices from the United States, Canada, Austria, and the State of Washington.

Education

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL / STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford, California

J.D. (Juris Doctor), 2003; **M.A.**, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2003

Honors: Outstanding Achievement Award Co-Recipient (given by Stanford Dean of Students for work on NAELS 2000 environmental law conference executive team)

Activities: *Stanford Environmental Law Journal*: Executive Editor, Lead Associate Editor

Stanford Journal of International Law: Member Editor

Stanford Environmental Law Society: Board Member, NAELS 2000 Conference

Stanford International Law Society: Co-President, Webmaster/Designer

Research: *Stanford Law Review*: Research Assistant to Prof. Bernard Black for published article

(Bernard S. Black, Reinier Kraakman, and Anna Tarassova, Russian Privatization and Corporate Governance: What Went Wrong?, 52 *Stan. L. Rev.* 1731-1808 (2000))

Directed Research Thesis: Improving Energy Efficiency in Transition Economies (with Prof. Barton Thompson)

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

B.A., French, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors*, 1996

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Chancellor's Award for Excellence in French (given to most outstanding student); National Dean's List (faculty-recommended top 0.5% of US college students)

Activities: Co-President and Rock Climbing Instructor, UNC Outdoor Club; FCC-licensed DJ

Study Abroad: Studied for one year at Université de Montpellier, France (Hardré travel scholarship)

Thesis: Regarding the 1789 Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen (Highest Honors)

Selected Internships

EBRD (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), London, England – Summer 2001

Office of Czech President Václav Havel, Prague, Czech Republic – Autumn 2000

Earthjustice (Sierra Club), Stanford, CA – Summer 2000

OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), Paris, France – Summer 1999

Supplemental Information

Fluent in English, Czech, French, and Slovak.

Long-term interest in languages and rule of law development.

Completed Prague International Marathon (3h50m).

Enjoy jazz, classical, and world music (received high school diploma with specialization in music from North Carolina School of the Arts).

American citizen with Czech Permanent Residence permit.