



Doing legal business in the Visegrád Group states

Tuesday 5 September 2017

Programme

- 14:30 - 15:00 Registration and refreshments
- 15:00 – 15:05 **Welcome and introductions**
Mickael Laurans, head of international, The Law Society
- 15:05 – 15:15 **Keynote speech**
Tom Salusbury, regional director in Central Europe Network, Department for International Trade, British Embassy Warsaw
- 15:15 – 16:30 **Panel discussion**
- Overview - Doing legal business in the V4**
Grzegorz E. Wozniak, founder and managing partner, Wozniak Legal
- Poland & the energy sector**
Adrian Andrychowski, associate, Wozniak Legal
- Czech Republic & industry 4.0**
Jan Täubel, partner, Taubel Legal
- Slovakia & digitalisation and IT**
Rudolf Pfeffer, partner, A.K.F. Lawyers, s. r. o.
- Hungary & M&A and financing**
Andras Szecskay, founder and managing partner, Szecskay Attorneys at Law
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Questions and answers**
Virag Martin, International policy adviser (Europe)
- 17:00 – 19:00 **Networking reception**
Welcome by Stephen Denyer, director of strategic relationships, The Law Society



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Speaker biographies

In alphabetical order

Adrian Andrychowski, associate, Wozniak Legal

Adrian is an associate at Wozniak Legal's dispute resolution group. He specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration. Adrian has particular expertise in handling construction, insolvency and energy disputes, as well as class actions.

Adrian also handles many private client cases involving property restitution and compensation for unlawful expropriation of enterprises. In addition, Adrian is the firm's expert on immigration issues, specialising particularly in resident permits for non-EU investors and acquisition of Polish citizenship by descent.



Mickaël Laurans, head of International, the Law Society of England and Wales

Mickaël recently re-joined the international department of the Law Society of England and Wales after heading the Law Societies' joint Brussels Office since April 2012.

He previously had spent nine years as policy manager in the International Department in London where he worked on international trade issues and the EU internal market in legal services.

Mickaël is a French/British national and holds degrees in law, politics and economics from ScPo Rennes, Exeter University and Birkbeck College.



Virag Martin, International policy adviser, the Law Society of England and Wales

Virag leads the Law Society's work on Europe. She joined the Law Society in January 2015, initially supporting the Europe and CIS team. Prior to that, Virag worked in EU policy representing cities and charities in Brussels and London.

Virag graduated in EU Politics and Business Management in Budapest and holds a masters degree in European Public Policy from UCL.



Rudolf Pfeffer, partner, A.K.F. Lawyers, s. r. o.

Rudolf is a partner at AKF Lawyers and an attorney qualified in Slovak law. He started his legal career at one of the Magic Circle law firms where he spent more than 7 years.

Rudolf's speciality is advising lenders, borrowers and sponsors on all aspects of real estate finance, project finance, acquisition finance and general corporate finance in both local and cross-border context. His professional expertise further includes advising on IP/IT matters, venture capital investments, bankruptcy and restructuring matters, distressed assets and loan portfolio sales, M&A, general corporate law and litigation.



In addition to his legal practice, Rudolf serves as an external lecturer at the Law

Representing, promoting and supporting solicitors



Faculty of the Comenius University in Bratislava where he leads seminars on corporate finance.

Tom Salusbury, regional director in Central Europe Network, Department for International Trade, British Embassy Warsaw

Tom is regional director of the Department for International Trade's Central Europe Network (CEN). He has been based at the British Embassy in Warsaw since 2015. He manages a team of 60 local staff, promoting UK trade and inward investment in the ten markets of Central Europe (Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina).



Each year, CEN helps UK companies to achieve around £0.5 billion in exports, encourages around 250 new UK exporters to trade in the region and helps about 20 of the region's companies to set up operations across the UK. Tom has spent most of his career working on science, technology or industrial strategy issues for the British Government.

For DIT, he managed the Life Sciences Team twice (in 2003-05 and again in 2009). He was also head of the DIT team in Oslo from 2005 to 2009. His first foreign posting was to the British Embassy, Tokyo, where he was science attaché from 1990 to 1997. In 2002, he spent a year at the European Commission in Brussels.

Outside Government, Tom spent three years managing an innovation company on the Oslo Science Park. He also spent two years working as a research administrator at a technical college in Oslo. Both jobs gave him a deep insight into working with innovative people from across Europe

Andras Szecskay, founder and managing partner, Szecskay Attorneys at Law

Dr. András Szecskay (Managing Partner) is a Hungarian attorney admitted to the Budapest Bar Association and founder and managing partner of Szecskay Attorneys at Law.

Dr. Szecskay currently specializes in litigation and arbitration, M&A transactions, corporate and project finance and IP law. Dr. Szecskay received his JD, *summa cum laude*, at the József Attila University (Szeged), Faculty of State and Legal Science in 1973. In 1990 he participated in the Canada-Eastern European Lawyers Internship program (Ottawa, Canada).



He was a partner at the SBG&K Patent and Law Office between 1975 and 1992 and at the international law office of the French firm of Moquet Borde & Associés between 1992 and 2004. He has been an active member of the Budapest Bar Association, first as its secretary, then as a member of the Executive Board during several cycles and, since March 2002, he has served as Vice-President responsible for International Relations. In 2010, Dr. Szecskay was also made Vice President of the Hungarian Bar Association.

Besides his activities with the Bar Associations, he is also an active member of various professional organizations (the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) - Head of the Hungarian Delegation; the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) - Member of the Executive Committee; the Union des Avocats Européens (UAE); the International Bar Association (IBA); the Licensing Executives Society (LES); the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI); the International League of Competition Law (LIDC); and the Hungarian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (HVCA).

Since 2010, Dr. Szecskay has also been the President of the Hungarian Association for the Protection of Industrial Property and Copyright (MIE). In 2000 he was presented



with the "*Eötvös Award*" by the Budapest Bar Association, in 2003 he was recognized as an "*Exemplary Lawyer*" by the Hungarian Bar Association and in 2011 he received the award "*Pro Collegium Advocatorum*" from the Hungarian Bar Association. In 2014 he received the highest joint award of all legal professions, the "*Deák Ferenc Award*" ("*Pro Meritis De Iuris Peritia*"). In 2008, the President of Hungary awarded Dr. Szecskay with the "*Knight's Cross Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary*". He is a listed arbitrator on the Roll of Arbitrators of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Energy Arbitration Court and the Roll of Arbitrators of the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture. Dr. Szecskay regularly lectures at domestic and international conferences and is the author / co-author of several articles and publications appearing in both Hungarian and foreign legal books and papers.

Jan Täubel, partner, Taubel Legal

Jan is the founding partner of Taubel Legal. Before establishing independent law practice, Jan worked as a senior associate at Allen & Overy Prague.

He graduated from the Law School, Charles University in Prague, in 2001 and then participated at the LL.M. programme at Humboldt University Berlin (Germany). He speaks fluent English and German and was admitted to the Czech Bar in 2006. Jan specialises mainly in corporate, M&A and real estate.



He advises a number of Czech and foreign clients on their investments in the Czech Republic and abroad. Jan is known for his full commitment to the clients' needs, proactive engagement and advice based on practical approach. Among other engagements Jan advised recently one of the leading Czech private investors on his EUR 40M real estate project including probably the best concert hall in the CEE Forum Karlin.

Grzegorz E. Wozniak, founder and managing partner, Wozniak Legal

The founding partner of Woźniak Legal, Grzegorz's clients consist of businesses and private clients. He advises a diverse range of Polish and non-Polish enterprises on their investments and operations in Poland and abroad.

Grzegorz's special areas of expertise are acquisitions, buy-outs, business start-ups, investments, SMEs, private equity and compliance issues, as well as dispute resolution. Grzegorz also has significant experience in private client matters. Grzegorz advises private clients on a variety of other matters, including property restitution, wealth planning and cross-border succession.

Grzegorz is named as a leading private client lawyer in Poland in the Legal 500 directory. Sources regard him to be "highly professional and knowledgeable". Prior to establishing Woźniak Legal, between 1993 – 2007 Grzegorz worked as a senior associate at Allen & Overy in Warsaw.



