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Overview

Tomáš Pavelka is an associate in Dentons' Prague and Bratislava offices. He specializes in competition and antitrust, regulatory, dispute resolution, and EU law. Tomáš is experienced in advising on all aspects of Czech, Slovak and EU competition and antitrust law, including in the areas of merger control, abuse of dominance, cartel procedures, unfair competition cases, as well as state aid matters. He has particular expertise in the digital tech, platforms and other telecommunications, construction, transportation and energy sectors. Tomáš also represents clients in litigation and arbitration proceedings, especially in cases involving public law or regulatory elements.

Experience

Representative experience from Tomáš's previous practice includes:

- **Czech telecommunications company:** Representing in its antitrust complaint against a supplier.
- **European Commission DG Competition:** Acting as external legal expert in its Market Definition Notice evaluation process.
- **General Electric Company:** Acting as a global (ex-US) antitrust counsel in its \$3.25bn sale of the distributed power business to Advent International.
- **Spotify:** Member of the team assisting in its antitrust complaint against Apple before the European Commission.
- **Major Czech telecommunications company:** Representing in its antitrust damages claim against a competitor.
- **Global pharmaceutical company:** Representing before the Czech medicines regulatory authority and administrative courts in a regulatory data protection enforcement case.
- **German construction company:** Advising in cartel investigation proceedings before the Czech Competition Authority.
- **Global transportation and aviation company:** Advising on EU and Czech antitrust and public procurement

law and procedures.

- **Major Czech construction company:** Representing in an OLAF investigation.
- **Sigma Group:** Advising a nuclear engineering company on State Aid and public procurement issues with relation to construction of Temelín and Dukovany nuclear power plant projects.
- **Czech petroleum products trader:** Successfully representing in LCIA arbitration proceedings in London.

Recognition

- Randa's Foundation Prize for an outstanding master thesis ("Arbitrability of Anti-Competitive Agreements in the Law of the EU"), which "especially contributes to the development of particular field of law", 2013
- Master thesis chosen and published as one of the best EU-related theses by the University of Economics in Prague in 2013
- Best Speaker Prize for performance at Central and East European Moot Court in European Law, 2010

Insights

- Jan Petrov, Vladimír Beran, Michal Výtisk, et Al.: "Civil Code, A Commentary", C. H. Beck, second edition, October 2019, selected chapters on public competition/tender law and law of contracts
- Jiří Kindl, Tomáš Pavelka, Pavlína Hubková: "Law on Damages Actions for Antitrust Violations, A Commentary", C. H. Beck, December 2018
- Tomáš Pavelka, Drahomíra Pavelková: "Clusters and Competition: On Legal Limits of Cooperation and Information Sharing", presented at the European Cluster Days Conference in the European Parliament, Strasbourg, March 2015
- Jiří Kindl, Martin Ráž, Pavlína Hubková, Tomáš Pavelka: "Public Procurement Law: Limitations, Opportunities and Paradoxes: the Czech Republic", XXVI Fide Congress in Copenhagen, Publication Vol. 3, 2014
- Tomas Pavelka: "Private enforcement before Courage: Judgment of the ECJ in Eco Swiss v Benetton 1999, background, reasoning, implications", presented at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law, Lent Term 2013
- Tomas Pavelka: "Antitrust Arbitration Review by Courts: The Czechs Do It Differently, but How Much?", Common Law Review, 2014
- Tomas Pavelka: "The Concept of "Directed Website" a Jurisdictional Phenomenon Clarified? Cross-border Consumer and Tort Victim Protection in Light of Recent ECJ Jurisprudence", Malta Law Review, Ed. 1, 2010

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member of the Czech Bar Association since 2017
- Member of the Brussels Bar Association (E-list), 2017-2019
- Common Law Review, member of Editorial Board since 2015
- Peer reviewer at WSEAS (World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society) legal section since 2012
- Oxford and Cambridge Alumni Society Czech Republic since 2012

- Czech Society for European and Comparative Law (FIDE group member for the Czech Republic), 2011

Prior and Present Employment

- Associate, Dentons, Prague, Bratislava (2021-present)
- Associate, Clifford Chance, Brussels (2017-2019)
- External legal expert for various institutions
- Junior Associate, CMS/Cameron McKenna, Prague (2016-2017)
- Junior Associate, Bříza & Trubač, Prague (2014-2016)
- Intern, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Brussels (2013-2014)
- Intern, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2010

Areas of focus

Practices

- Competition and Antitrust
- Merger Control
- State Aid and Subsidy Control
- Competition and Antitrust Counseling and Compliance
- Competition and Antitrust Litigation
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Education

- Charles University in Prague, 2013, Juris Doctor
- University of Cambridge, 2013, Master of Laws, LL.M.
- Charles University in Prague, 2012, Master of Laws
- University of Copenhagen, 2011, Erasmus Programme
- Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), 2009, Diplome d'études de droit français
- University of Cambridge, 2009, Diploma of Law, Diploma of Higher Education in English and European Law

Languages

- Czech
- English
- French
- Slovak