

**Dr Martin Svatoš**CEDR Panel Admission: 2020

**Overview**

Martin Svatoš, Ph.D. is one of the leading Czech mediators and arbitrators who is fluent in Czech, English, French, and German.

He has acted in more than 400 both international and domestic cases in mediation (more than 3000 mediated hours). With the success rate of more than 85% of the cases, he belongs to the most successful mediators in Central Europe.

He is listed by the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic and by the Energy Community.

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**Summary of Dispute resolution experience**

* He has been collecting mediation experiences within several jurisdictions - mainly CEE region, however, he conducted mediations and facilitations in more distant countries in both South Africa and East Asia regions. There have been several public entities among his clients.
* He was engaged in mediation cases in different sectors, including sports law (mainly disputes between football players - coaches - clubs), nuclear power-plant, highway and airport constructions. He focusses on collective labour law disputes too and acted as a mediator in disputes between unions and several TOP 100 Czech companies. In this regard, he is registered as a mediator by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Additionally, he mediated a canonic law dispute.
* Martin has particular experience in the sectors of Media & Entertainment, Construction & Engineering, Transportation, the Arts, Sports, Energy & Natural Resources. Other sectors he has experience of include Agriculture, Banking & Finance, Education, Healthcare & Pharmaceutical s, Information Communication and Technology, Property, Public Sector and Utilities.
* The dispute types he has worked on has included Contractual Disputes, Distribution Agreements, Sales of Goods and Services, Boundary Disputes, Commodities, Employment & Workplace, Franchising, Land Ownership, Landlord and Tenant, Medical Negligence, Partnership/Shareholder, Personal Injury, Private Client, Product Liability, Professional Negligence, Rights of Way, Trusts, Wills and Probate, Warranties.
* Martin has acted in several arbitrations both as chairman, member of the tribunal and of counsel. He has been listed as arbitrator by the VIAC, Arbitration Court of the Czech Football Association, Czech Arbitration Court and International Commodity Exchange Arbitration Court).

**Professional background**

Martin lectures at Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic) and at the Seminar of European and Comparative Law in Urbino (Italy) where he is in charge of the negotiation, mediation and arbitration courses. He has been visiting professor at the University of the French West Indies in Guadeloupe. He also gave a course at the Faculté Libre de Droit Institut Catholique de Toulouse, at the Comenius University in Bratislava (Slovakia), at the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law and at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (both PRC), Georgetown University (USA) and many others.

In 2016, he acted as a member of the Czech delegation to the UNCITRAL WG II.

He publishes and gives speeches at international conferences on a regular basis. He is one of the co-editors of the EU Mediation Handbook (Kluwer International, 2017). As a speaker, he attended many international conferences all around the globe (the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, the IBA Annual Conference, the German Arbitration Institute Annual Conference, the Conference of the Mediators’ Institute of Ireland (Dublin) and YIAG conferences (Istanbul, Warsaw)…

**Personal Mediation Style**

*“We have been engaged in a construction dispute for years and spent a lot of countless and unproductive hours in courtrooms. Thanks to the work of Martin Svatoš, we were able to find a solution in mediation. It was, however, not an easy task. Martin was tireless, active and still in a good mood. He was able to quickly adapt to the complicated world of our industry and to understand the peculiarities it requires.*

*Although the way to the compromise was a difficult one, we were able to undergo it with the unfailing help of Martin Svatos.”*

Jaromir P., CEO (Construction company, Contractor in this dispute,)

[anonymised in accordance with Art. 9 of Czech Mediation Law]