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## Gide Loyrette Nouel Czech Republic

Gide Loyrette Nouel Prague (GLN Prague) is ranked as one of the leading international law firms in the Czech Republic thanks to its highly skilled professionals and in-depth knowledge of local law. The team of fifteen Czech, Slovak and French lawyers, who have been practising law here since 1992, is widely acknowledged for the quality of services it provides to its clients across a broad range of sectors.

GLN Prague has considerable expertise in commercial law and has developed close relationships with Czech lawyers, accountants, and tax experts as well as the Czech government authorities.

### Expertise and Main Practice Areas

#### Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate - Privatisations - Restructuring

GLN Prague assists a large number of foreign companies with their investments and the restructuring of their business activities in the Czech and Slovak Republics. Our lawyers advise leading world companies on public tenders and IPOs, privatisation transactions, share and assets transactions and mergers, and on the setting-up or restructuring of their business.

#### Banking and Finance - Stock Exchange - Leasing

GLN Prague has acquired solid experience in banking and finance law and assists major international banks, corporations, and financial institutions on various transactions including complex multinational facility and security issues, conclusion of syndicated loans, swaps and other derivatives, and LBOs.

#### International Trade

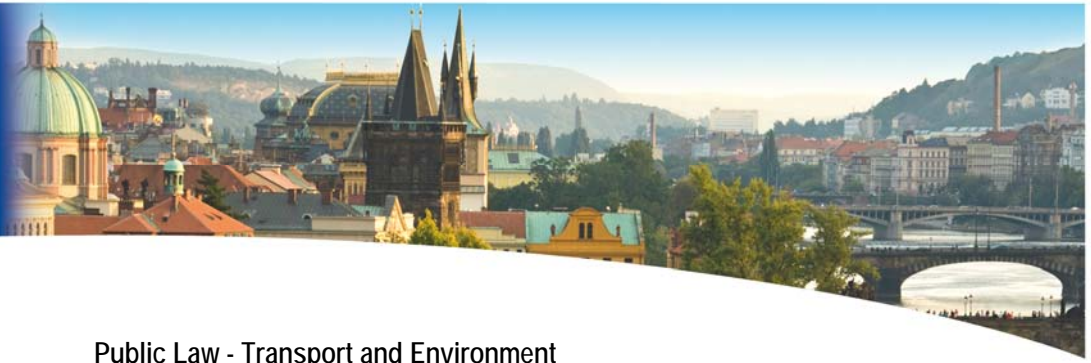
GLN Prague regularly assists clients in international trade disputes. It recently represented a client in WTO safeguard proceedings in the Czech Republic and advises others on different aspects relating to the negotiation and signature of complex international contracts.

#### Competition - Distribution

GLN Prague advises many leading European groups on competition issues and the management of their distribution networks in various sectors of the economy (including chemicals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, insurance and telecommunications). GLN Prague is also widely acknowledged for its efficacy in preparing, applying for and obtaining the requisite preliminary approvals and authorisations from the Office for the Protection of Competition.

#### Employment Law

GLN Prague represents clients in all areas of labour law, including individual employment relationships, collective bargaining negotiations, the drafting and management of employment contracts (amendment, renewal, termination) and their optimisation in terms of tax and employment law. GLN Prague has also developed solid experience in the field of international employee mobility.



## Public Law - Transport and Environment

GLN Prague provides legal advice to global companies operating in the energy, infrastructure, and transportation sectors in the Czech and Slovak Republics. Considering the importance of this new branch of law, the Firm is significantly widening its expertise in environmental law issues and has already advised major nuclear and oil companies in this field.

## Tax Law

GLN Prague advises its clients on all the tax implications concerning their business activities or contracts, including problem scenarios on the setting-up of a company, mergers and acquisitions, transfer pricing, intra-group relationships, and the payment of dividends to parent companies. GLN Prague also provides advisory services on customs regulations.

## Real Estate - Construction Law - Leases

The Firm provides assistance to international investors on many legal issues in connection with the sale and purchase of land and buildings. GLN Prague also advises multinational companies on leasing commercial premises and handles all the contractual documentation necessary for setting up and operating shopping centres (commercial leases, internal regulations, etc.).

## Litigation - Arbitration

GLN Prague has extensive experience in international arbitration, and the Firm's Czech lawyers regularly represent their clients before the national courts in business-related litigation. The Firm also advises clients on cross-border cases, with the support of GLN's International Dispute Resolution team.

## Intellectual Property - Communications and the Media

Our lawyers advise clients on all matters relating to industrial and property rights. The Firm provides legal assistance to leading companies operating in various sectors such as radio and TV production, telephony, and advertising. It regularly intervenes in cases of copyright infringement and associated rights.

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