

Program for Czech and Slovak Koncipients and Lawyers

UIC Law School Czech/Slovak Legal Institute

December 2 – 6, 2022

Online

Overview: This program will introduce Czech and Slovak koncipients and attorneys to the American legal and entrepreneurial system. Participants will discuss practical questions involving American law, ethics, professionalism, client counseling, and dispute resolution. The purpose of the program is to assist Czech and Slovak koncipients and lawyers in representing their clients on issues involving American law and in interacting and working with their American counterparts in the legal profession. Because of the continuing problems presented by Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on travel and meetings, the entire program this year will be presented online. We look forward to feedback from participants about the program. When travel restrictions are lifted, we hope to visit with participants in person at an event that will be scheduled when mutually convenient.

Instructors:

Anne Marie Brunner, Cnounsel, Claims Division, Allstate Ins. Co. (retired)

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Richard Vavra, Counsel, Claims Division, Allstate Ins. Co. (retired)

Friday, December 2

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. EUR
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CHI

Get-Acquainted Circle

Saturday, December 3

3:00 to 5:30 p.m. EUR
8:00 to 10:30 a.m. CHI

Introduction to the American Legal System: The Contribution of
the Common Law and the American Constitution
– Michael Seng

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. EUR
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHI

The Professional Responsibilities and Role of American Lawyers in
Litigating Civil Cases
– Anne Marie Brunner and Richard Vavra

Sunday, December 4

3:00 to 5:30 p.m. EUR
8:00 to 10:30 a.m. CHI

The American System of Litigating Criminal Cases
– John Smietanka

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. EUR
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHI

The Investigation/Prosecution of White Collar Crime and the
Investigation/Prosecution of Public Corruption
– Joel Levin

Monday, December 5

3:00 to 5:30 p.m. EUR
8:00 to 10:30 a.m. CHI

Counseling Clients on Business and Corporate Matters
– Michael Fieweger

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. EUR
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHI

Counseling Clients on Trust and Estate Matters
– George Drost, Rhonda Jensen and Mary Anne Frank

Tuesday, December 6

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. EUR
8:00 to 11:00 a.m. CHI

Resolving Disputes through Restorative Justice Techniques
– Judge Sheila Murphy and Michael Seng

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. EUR
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CHI

Lobbying to Assist Clients in the Legislature
– Patrick Racey

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. EUR
12:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHI

Discussion about Topics raised in the Presentations and Additional Topics
Raised by the Participants
Conclusion