Program for Czech and Slovak Koncipients and Lawyers

UIC John Marshall Law School

Czech/Slovak Legal Institute

December 3 – 8, 2021

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

Michael Fieweger, Attorney, Baker & McKenzie, Chicago, Illinois

Rhonda Jensen, Attorney, Drost, Kivlahan, McMahon & O’Connor, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Joel Levin, Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

Andrew Lofthouse, Attorney, Park Ridge, Illinois

Sheila M. Murphy, Adjunct Professor, UIC John Marshall Law School, and Retired Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois

Courtney Podkowa, Attorney, Drost, Kivlahan, McMahon & O’Connor, Arlington Heights, Illinois

Patrick Racey, Retired Lobbyist, Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, Illinois

Michael P. Seng, Professor, UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

John Smietanka, Attorney, Smietanka Law Group, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

# Friday, December 3

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. EUR

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CHI

 Get-Acquainted Circle

Saturday, Dec. 4

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 Followed by a Discussion Circle

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. EUR

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHI

 The History and Importance of Diversity in the Legal Profession -- Hon. Sheila Murphy

 The Attorney Assistance Program in Illinois for Lawyers, Judges, and Law Students, Substance Abuse, and Self-Care – Hon. Sheila Murphy

 Followed by a Discussion Circle

Sunday, December 5

3:00 to 5:30 p.m. EUR

8:00 to 10:30 a.m. CHI

 The American System of Trying Criminal Cases – John Smietanka Followed by a Discussion Circle

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. EUR

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHI

The Investigation/Prosecution of Public Corruption; Corporate Responsibility; and the Investigation/Prosecution of Extraterritorial Conduct by DOJ and SEC 4 – Joel Levin

Followed by a Discussion Circle

## Monday, December 6

3:00 to 5:30 p.m. EUR

8:00 to 10:30 a.m. CHI

Forms of Dispute Resolution in the American Civil Justice System – Anne Marie Brunner and Richard Vavra

Followed by a Discussion Circle

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 –Rhonda Jensen and Courtney Podkowa

Followed by a Discussion Circle

##  Tuesday, December 7

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

Followed by a Discussion Circle

6:00 to 8:30 p.m. EUR

11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CHI

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

Followed by a Discussion Circle

Wednesday, December 8

3:00 to 4:15 p.m. EUR

8:00 to 9:15 a.m. CHI

 Lobbying to Assist Clients in the Legislature – Patrick Racey Followed by a Discussion Circle

4:45 to 6:45 p.m. EUR

9:45 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. CHI

 Final Circle Discussion on Topics raised in the Presentations and Additional Topics Raised by the Participants