Program for Czech and Slovak Koncipients and Lawyers

UIC John Marshall Law School

Czech/Slovak Legal Institute

December 4 – 9, 2020

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 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)

Kelsey Crawley, student, UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

Nick DeRyke, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Berrien County, Michigan

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

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

Mary Anne Frank, Attorney, Drost, Kivlahan, McMahon & O’Connor, Arlington Heights, Illinoi

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

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

Allison Trendle, student, UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

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

# Friday, December 4

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

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

 Get-Acquainted Circle

Saturday, Dec. 5

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, Substance Abuse, and Self-Care – Hon. Sheila Murphy, Michael Seng, Kelsey Crawley, and Allison Trendle

## Sunday, December 6

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

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

 The American System of Trying Civil Cases – 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 – George Drost, Mary Anne Frank, and Rhonda Jensen

Monday, December 7

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 and Nick DeRyke followed by a Discussion Circle

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

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

 Truth, Untruth, and Freedom of Speech – Michael P. Seng followed by a Discussion Circle

##  Tuesday, December 8

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 – Michael Seng, Judge Sheila Murphy, and Andrew Lofthouse

Wednesday, December 9

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

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 of Raised by the Participants