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**CHALLENGES TO THE RULE OF LAW
IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND AMERICA TODAY**

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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

Sunday, June 23

Welcome Reception @ The Czech Consulate General, 205 N. Michigan Ave, Ste #1680, Chicago
sponsored by the Prague Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International **5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**
REGISTRATION REQUIRED by June 13 for Security. See www.svu2000.org

Monday, June 24

Conference DAY 1 @ The John Marshall Law School, 315 S. Plymouth Ct, Room 1200, Chicago
Morning Sessions **09:00 AM – 12:05 PM**
Afternoon Sessions **01:15 PM – 05:00 PM**

Tuesday, June 25

Conference DAY 2 @ The John Marshall Law School, 315 S. Plymouth Ct, Room 1200, Chicago
Morning Sessions **09:00 AM – 01:15 PM**
Afternoon Sessions **02:15 PM – 05:15 PM**

Farewell Reception @ The Cliff Dwellers Club, 200 S. Michigan Ave, Ste # 22, Chicago
06:00 PM – 08:00 PM (everyone pays their own bill)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: See www.svu2000.org/payments/registration

GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact chicago2019@svu2000.org

ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

Format of the sessions – discussion panels bringing the best practitioners in their fields, made accessible to a **non-lawyer audience**.

Monday, June 24

- 09:00 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 09:15 AM A Tribute to Czech Lawyers – SVU Founding Personalities
- 10:15 AM Coffee Break
- 10:30 AM Across Borders: Wills and Decedent’s Estates; the Private Ownership of Property; Disputes involving the Custody of Children
- 12:05 PM Lunch Break (everyone on their own)
- 01:15 PM Discussion of New Book: A History of Czech Economic Thought
- 01:45 PM Language and Justice: The Problem of Translation
- 02:30 PM Coffee Break
- 02:45 PM Across Borders: Nationality, Citizenship, Immigration, Refugee Status, Protecting National Security, and Halting Sex Trafficking
- 05:00 PM Business Meeting of SVU Officers and Members

Tuesday, June 25

- 09:00 AM Civil Society: The Role and Governance of Not-Profit Organizations
- 10:30 AM Coffee Break
- 10:45 AM The Rule of Law: Judicial Independence Balanced against Judicial Accountability
- 01:15 PM Lunch Break (everyone on their own)
- 02:15 PM Justice in Resolving Disputes: Case Management, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Restorative Justice Models
- 05:00 PM Conclusion

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Prof. Michael Seng, SVU Vice President, Director for Academic Exchanges

CULTURAL & SIGHTSEEING OPTIONS:

(everyone pays their own ticket)

Visit www.svu2000.org for the links to Art Institute; Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise; Bohemian National Cemetery; Grant Park Music Festival; Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

DETAILS AND UPDATES: See www.svu2000.org/conferences/2019-chicago

ACADEMIC PROGRAM IN DETAIL:

MONDAY

09:15 AM **A Tribute to Czech Lawyers – SVU Founding Personalities**

Presenters: Georges Eichler, Secretary General, Czechoslovak Society of Arts & Sciences
Antonie Doležalová, Charles University (Prague), Cambridge Univ. (UK)

Discussants: Eliška Hašková Coolidge (Prague), Marianne Kabeš (Washington DC),
Thomas Miskovsky (Ann Arbor, MI), Thomas Holbik (Boston, MA)

10:15 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM **Across Borders: Wills and Decedent's Estates; the Private Ownership of Property; Disputes involving the Custody of Children**

Our nation state system raises practical questions involving the handling of decedent's estates when property or heirs are located in another state, when and under what conditions foreigners may own property in another state, protecting the environment, and how disputes over the custody of children are resolved when the parents reside in different states. This panel will discuss how disputes are settled across borders.

Moderator: Mila Novak, Attorney

Panelists: George Drost, Attorney

Joseph Vosicky, Attorney

Randall Kadlec, Bohemian Lawyers Association of Chicago

Kenneth Janda, Political Science Professor, Northwestern University

John Zelenka, Attorney

Sarane Siewerth (Ret.), Attorney

12:05 PM Lunch Break (everyone on their own)

01:15 PM **Discussion of New Book: A History of Czech Economic Thought**

Presenter: Antonie Doležalová, Charles University (Prague), Cambridge Univ. (UK)

01:45 PM **Language and Justice: The Problem of Translation**

The challenges of translation and court interpreting; how translation can affect a legal proceeding.

Moderator: Georges Eichler, former EU Law Translations Officer

Panelists: Vera Wilt, Attorney

Ondřej Klbal, Palacký University (Olomouc)

02:30 PM Coffee Break

02:45 PM Across Borders: Nationality, Citizenship, Immigration, Refugee Status, Protecting National Security, and Halting Sex Trafficking

Countries in modern Europe are distinguishable largely based on their ethnic composition. The United States has been a “melting pot” for different ethnic and racial groups. Both models are under scrutiny today. This panel will discuss citizenship, immigration policies, and refugees. To what extent are new definitions and policies required? What is the relationship between national law and international law? What is the role of national security? Another dimension is sex trafficking. This panel will discuss vital issues related to law and policy that affect everyone.

Moderator: Richard Vavra, Attorney

Panelists: Royal Berg, Attorney

Michael Jordan, Attorney

Václav Stehlík, Professor of Law, Palacký University (Olomouc)

Benjamin Frommer, Professor of History, Northwestern University

Hon. Virginia Kendall, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Marijane Placek, Cook County, Illinois Public Defender

05:00 PM Business Meeting of SVU Officers and Members

TUESDAY

09:00 AM Civil Society: The Role and Governance of Not-Profit Organizations

Perhaps more than any other country in the world the United States has relied on volunteers and not-for-profit organizations to provide assistance and services to individuals and the public. The private sector supports the arts and sciences, education, and many social welfare programs. Traditionally Europeans have relied more on government support for these kinds of programs. How not-for-profit organizations operate and how they are regulated and governed will be the topic of this discussion.

Moderator: Ernie Melichar, Michigan Election Inspector, Retired Development Officer

Panelists: Cecilia Rokusek, President & CEO, NCSML

Floyd Perkins, Attorney

Edward Dellin, Prague Committee Chairman, Chicago Sister Cities Intl.

Jean Hruby, President, American Sokol

Joseph Kolar, President, Bohemian Lawyers Association

Michael Schlesinger, Attorney

Slavomír Halla, Attorney (Brno)

10:30 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM **The Rule of Law: Judicial Independence Balanced against Judicial Accountability**

This session will focus on the role of judges and courts in our society. It will discuss the importance of judicial independence under the concept of separation of powers and judicial ethics. It will also explore the accountability of judges in a system that protects their independence. Focus will be on the criminal and civil liability of judges. Panelists will make suggestions on how the judiciary can earn the trust and respect of the public.

Moderator: Anne Marie Brunner, Attorney

Panelists: Hon. Pavel Šimon, Czech Supreme Court (Brno)

Andres Laszlo Pap, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest)

John Gealfow, Graduate Student, Masaryk University (Brno)

Hon. Daniel Locallo (Ret.), Circuit Court of Cook County

James Grogan, Illinois Attorney Discipline Commission

01:15 PM Lunch Break (everyone on their own)

02:15 PM **Justice in Resolving Disputes: Case Management, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Restorative Justice Models**

Judicial backlog is a problem everywhere, but it is especially acute in the Czech and Slovak Republics. "Justice delayed is justice denied." Participants will discuss how judges can manage their caseloads more efficiently. At the highest appellate levels, American judges often have discretion in deciding what cases to hear. Similar flexibility is not present in Middle Europe. American courts are now using mandatory mediation as a means of settling disputes without going to trial. A worldwide movement urging the use of restorative justice techniques in both civil and criminal cases is underway. Chicago has a new restorative justice community court. The panel will discuss the efficacy of these models.

Moderator: Lester Munson, Attorney and Journalist

Panelists: Hon. Pavel Šimon, Czech Supreme Court (Brno)

Justice Michael B. Hyman, Illinois Appellate Court

Hon. Colleen Sheehan, Circuit Court of Cook County

John Gealfow, Graduate Student, Masaryk University (Brno)

Hon. Sheila Murphy (Ret.), Circuit Court of Cook County

05:00 PM Conclusion

*Conference program conclusion is followed by a **Farewell Reception** at The Cliff Dwellers Club, 200 S Michigan Ave, Ste # 22, Chicago, **from 6:00 PM** (everyone pays their own bill)*

NOTES:

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