Guide to Administrative Procedure Code. We are co-authors of the book “Guide to Administrative Procedure Code,” an essential practical guide for all participants of administrative procedures.

Danone apologized for “BIO”. We represented Pro-Bio company, the biggest processor of bio-groceries, that brought a suit against Danone company. Danone finally apologised for improper use of the BIO mark on its yoghurts that had not been properly biodegradable for 5 years, will be bought by the town of Most. Mr. Rajter won CZK 260 million in compensation for his land.

International conference “Expectations vs. Reality”. We organised international conference on social responsibility of corporations in EU-10. The conference was backed by the former president of the Czech Republic Mr. Václav Havel. Among other guests, Commissioner Václav Špidla was a notable presence. The conference was the high point of a year long project involving NGOs and trade unions from Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Estonia, Slovenia, Austria and France.

Pressure put on car factories. Based on our demands, Toyota M. C. and PSA Peugeot Citroen adopted improved measures to revitalise the area around their Kolín factory.

The Lidí case in Tábor. Municipal finances in Tábor will be more transparent. The Tábor District Court concluded that “If a town announces specific conditions for the sale of land, it cannot actually sell it under completely different terms”.

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Highways in South Moravia. We represented citizens in the R 52 highway case and other transport cases in South Moravia (K4, D1). The Czech Ombudsman has stated that these cases show illegitimately. The European Investment Bank decided not to finance the R 52 project until all legal problems are solved and a feasibility analysis has been made. The analysis will compare economic as well as environmental suitability of the project with other variants.

Consumer protection activities. We actively reacted to new procedures of corporations in case of flight prices without compulsory fees. We have also been active in other consumer protection cases (toxic toys, consumer loans, and incorrectly marked foods).

Protection of discriminated people. We were helping prevent discrimination of employees working in big retail chains. We obtained and published information about fines imposed by Labour Inspection on retail chains for numerous breaches of labour law.

Compromise in the Nemak case. The case concerning Mexican aluminium works Nemak near Most is finished. Plots of land needed for industrial zone Havráň near Most that are owned by a farmer, Mr. Rajter, who was represented by our lawyers for 5 years, will be bought by the town of Most. Mr. Rajter won CZK 260 million in compensation for his land.

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