

Press Release

Konrad Partners is delighted to announce the promotion of Peter Rižnik to Counsel in our Vienna office, effective January 1, 2022.

Peter joined the law firm in 2017. He focuses on international investment and commercial arbitration and has past experience in public international law obtained while working for international organizations. Peter regularly sits as arbitrator in international arbitrations, administered by the ICC and other institutions. He also represents domestic and international clients and advises them in contract negotiations, as well as on enforcement and setting aside of arbitration awards. Peter has demonstrated a deep commitment to Konrad Partners, with an exemplary record of excellence in client service.

Dr. Christian W. Konrad, Partner, comments: "I would like to congratulate Peter in achieving this important milestone in his career. He is an exceptional arbitration practitioner, with a strong understanding and commitment, dedication to outstanding results, leadership and innovation. Peter is an invaluable asset to our firm. I wish him every success and anticipate many new achievements"

Peter Rižnik states: "I am honoured and deeply grateful to my colleagues at Konrad Partners for this recognition and all their support. It truly is a pleasure to work with this wonderful team and I am really looking forward to serving in this new role."

Peter has an excellent reputation in the international arbitration community. John Beechey CBE of Arbitration Chambers has congratulated him on the promotion. He has noted that "*Peter has a growing international reputation, deservedly so, and I am happy to learn of this well-earned promotion.*" Professor William W. (Rusty) Park of Boston University has described him as a "*first-rate legal mind, with excellent attention to detail*" and Professor Kaj Hobér of 3 Verulam Buildings and Uppsala University commented that he is "*a very talented lawyer with vast and deep experience and knowledge of international arbitration.*"

About Peter Rižnik

Prior to joining the firm, Peter acted as tribunal secretary for a renowned arbitrator as well as Senior Legal Counsel at the Ljubljana Arbitration Centre (LAC) and Expert Advisor in the ICC National Committee of Slovenia. He was a member of working groups preparing the 2014 Ljubljana Arbitration Rules, the 2019 Ljubljana Mediation Rules and the LAC Procedures for the Administration of Cases under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules. He is currently a member



of the working group preparing the forthcoming amendments to the Ljubljana Arbitration Rules.

Peter serves in a number of professional organizations and commissions. He is a member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR and its Taskforce on Addressing Issues of Corruption in International Arbitration. He has recently been appointed as one of the three global Co-Directors of the Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) Mentoring Programme. He regularly speaks on the topic of international arbitration at events around Europe and online.

Who's Who Legal recognizes Peter as a leading individual and Future Leader in international arbitration in Austria. In 2020, he was listed among 13 most highly regarded arbitration practitioners (non-partners) in the EMEA region. WWL describes him as "*a truly impressive arbitration practitioner with great judgement, deep knowledge and incredible instinct*". He possesses "*a strong understanding of the CEE market in particular*".

Peter also hosts Vienna Arbitration Talks, a series of interviews with the world's top experts in international arbitration to discuss their experiences and perspectives on the evolution of the profession and the and issues it is facing today.

Konrad Partners continues to expand and maintain top talents and leaders in international arbitration. With offices in Vienna, Skopje, London, Prague and Bratislava, it is a leading law firm delivering premier legal services in all areas of international dispute resolution.