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**bpv** BRAUN PARTNERS MOOT COURT COMPETITION AWARDS

The final round of the first employment law Moot Court, organized by **bpv** BRAUN PARTNERS and student organization Elsa Czech Republic for law students in the Czech Republic, took place on November 28, 2017.

Thirteen two-member teams signed up for the competition, where the first round involved drafting a wrongful termination complaint seeking to have the termination declared invalid. Teams were required to adhere to all the rules for a valid procedural filing.

The expert panel, made up of managing partner **Arthur Braun**, M.A. and attorneys JUDr. **Lucie Kalašová**, LL.M. and Mgr. **Markéta Nešetřilová**, evaluated the submissions carefully and chose the four teams that best met the evaluation criteria for the complaint and won the most points.

The most successful students from the Faculty of Law at Charles University in Prague then met in the second round of the competition in the Prague offices of bpv BRAUN PARTNERS, where they acted as legal counsel for one of the parties before a panel of three, argue for or against the complaint, examine a witness, and make a closing statement. Teams also won or lost points based on their speaking skills and teamwork.

“We were quite pleasantly surprised by the high quality of all submissions, excellent knowledge of employment law and the finalists’ ability to argue a case,” commented managing partner **Arthur Braun**. “We wanted to use the mock trial format to test in a very short time various skills participants will need when practicing law. In order to assess their ability to react quickly to a developing situation, we also included witness examination, which is not typically part of these simulations,” adds attorney **Lucie Kalašová**.

First place went to **Lucie Brázdová** and **Sára Kubiszová**, with **Oskar Blažek** and **Petr Ráliš** coming in second. Mr Blažek was also recognized as the **best orator in the competition**. Both teams went home with a cash prize and the best orator received an offer to intern with bpv BRAUN PARTNERS.

**We would like to congratulate all the finalists and we look forward to holding Moot Court again in future years.**

## About us:

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## Elsa Czech Republic

With 43,000 members ELSA is the world's largest independent law students' association. ELSA provides opportunities for international exchange, diversified legal education and personal professional development for law students and young lawyers. Our members are law students and recent graduates who have an academic focus and have demonstrated commitment to international issues. ELSA operates primarily through its Local Groups, which are located at nearly 300 law faculties in universities throughout 43 countries in Europe. In the Czech Republic is ELSA situated at law faculties in Brno, Olomouc, Pilsen and Prague.

## Moot Court

Many law schools around the world organize extracurricular competitions called Moot Court, where participants take part in simulated court proceedings, usually involving drafting complaints or other motions and oral arguments.

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