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bpv BRAUN PARTNERS worked with bpv LEGAL to provide legal advice to První novinová společnost a.s.

Our attorneys from **bpv** Legal in Prague, Vienna and Brussels worked together to represent client První novinová společnost a.s., the biggest alternative postal operator on the traditional postal market, in proceedings against the European Commission before the General Court of the European Court of Justice.

The legal assistance involved comprehensive representation of the client in proceedings on public aid on the postal market at the European Commission as well as subsequent proceedings on a legal action against the European Commission decision approving the public aid. After a year and a half of written proceedings, the case culminated in a hearing in Luxembourg on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

David Vosol, partner at **bpv BRAUN PARTNERS**, comments, “The legal battle lasting for almost three hours and the well-prepared judges and Commission representatives were a wonderful example of what a trial in a democratic state under the rule of law should look like. We are waiting anxiously to see how the General Court judges will decide on this key case. This unprecedented decision will set out rules on how the European Commission is to examine Member State proposals for state aid and to what extent such aid can affect competition on the market.”

[První novinová společnost a.s.](#) is the leading alternative postal operator on the Czech postal market and the largest distributor of print materials on the market. The company supplies nearly 17,000 sales points around the Czech Republic with printed materials and complementary goods six days a week. This gives it the most dense network of sales and delivery points in Central Europe.

About us:

bpv BRAUN PARTNERS is one of the leading international law firms in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. It is also a founding member of **bpv LEGAL**, a close association of law firms operating in Central and Eastern Europe for many years. Its team consists of more than 36 lawyers offering its clients, key Czech and foreign companies, comprehensive services in many areas of law. The key expertise of **bpv BRAUN PARTNERS** includes merger and acquisitions, corporate law, real estate law and also tax advisory services. Its experts also deal with copyright and IT law, competition law, energy and labour law, life sciences and represent their clients before Czech, Slovak, German and international courts and in arbitrations. See more at www.bpv-bp.com.

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