



Report on defence of dissertation thesis

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Study programme: Theoretical Legal Sciences - Law and Legal Theory in European Context

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Title of the thesis: Companies in Private International Law
Thesis department: Department of Business Law (22-KOBCHP)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Supervisor: prof. JUDr. Monika Pauknerová, CSc., DSc.
Reviewer(s): JUDr. Monika Feigerlová, LL.M., Ph.D.
doc. JUDr. Nicole Grmelová, Ph.D.

Date of defence: 21.05.2024 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The chair of the committee Assoc. Prof. Pfeiffer opened the defence of Mr. Heorhi Kolas's dissertation "Companies in Private International Law" stating that all 5 members of the committee are present and introducing the members of the committee to the Ph.D. candidate. Then the chair introduced the Ph.D. candidate to the members of the committee and asked the Ph.D. candidate to present his research topic briefly, the problems tackled and their solutions, The candidate has briefly summarized his research and the outcomes. He declared that the substantial parts of his dissertation were published in the Prague Law Working Papers Journal. The opponent Assoc. Prof. Grmelová presented briefly her opinion on the dissertation and then asked the Ph.D. candidate the following questions: whether there is evidence that would suggest that the number of new incorporations (particularly SEs) has dropped as a result of the Polbud judgment and what were the reasons for the EU Commission's withdrawal of its proposal for a regulation on the statute of *societas privata europaea*. The opponent Dr. Feigerlová, also presented briefly her opinion on the dissertation and then asked the Ph.D. candidate the following questions: what sources is the Ph.D. candidate referring to when he refers to "international customary law", what is the approach to mailbox companies in private international law and whether he thinks Rome V regulation would be necessary. The Ph. D. candidate presented his answers which both opponents found satisfactory. The chair of the committee opened the general debate, in which all the members of the committee took part. Prof. Pauknerová, the supervisor of the Ph.D. candidate commented that there is already a

draft proposal of the Rome V regulation prepared by the GEDIP. Assoc. Prof. Brodec asked about the mandatory rules of the Czech law, which should apply on foreign companies conducting their business activities in the Czech Republic. The Ph.D. candidate presented his answers and opinions, which committee members found satisfactory. Assoc. Prof. Pfeiffer inquired what about the choice of jurisdictions made by the Ph.D. candidate for his comparative part of the dissertation and asked about whether the Ph.D. candidate thinks that “piercing of corporate veil” should be considered to fall within the scope of the lex societatis. The Ph.D. candidate took part in the debate presenting his opinion on the discussed questions.

Before closing the debate the chair of the committee has given the Ph.D. candidate the floor to add whatever he wishes to and might have been previously omitted. The candidate used this opportunity to thank everyone present.

Then, the committee continued in private session. The committee voted unanimously 5:0 in favour of the conclusion that the dissertation thesis was successfully defended and the Ph.D. candidate shall be awarded the academic degree Ph.D

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| Result of defence: | pass (P) |
| Chair of the board: | doc. JUDr. Mgr. Magdalena Pfeiffer, Ph.D. (present) |
| Committee members: | doc. JUDr. Bc. Jan Brodec, LL.M., Ph.D. (present) prof. JUDr. Monika Pauknerová, CSc., DSc. (present) JUDr. Monika Feigerlová, LL.M., Ph.D. (present) doc. JUDr. Nicole Grmelová, Ph.D. (present) |