

The opponent's report prepared within the framework of the inaugural proceedings for the appointment of Associate Professor Doc. IUDr. Katarína Chovancová, PhD., LL.M., MCI Arb.

I had the privilege of being invited to act as one of the opponents in the inaugural proceedings for the appointment of Associate Professor Doc. IUDr. Katarína Chovancová, PhD., LL.M., MCI Arb. It was an honour for me to accept the invitation and to give my opinion.

Having examined her professional career, the relevant documents and papers, her main studies and the requirements for appointment as a professor, I have come to the following conclusions:

She is an internationally recognised expert in public international law, private international law and the law of international economic relations. She provides analyses of the most challenging issues in this field.

In recent years, she has devoted particular attention to both commercial and investment arbitration, analysing the latest case law of arbitral tribunals and the approach of ordinary courts to the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards. Her papers are written in clear, sophisticated and sometimes colourful English. The candidate's deep knowledge and understanding of her chosen field is well demonstrated by her books and studies. Her expertise is confirmed by her numerous publications in foreign law journals and the outstanding number of citations in foreign publications, which by far exceeds all criteria.

The interface between international commercial law and investment law and the gradual convergence of these two areas of economic law, which is still a very recent phenomenon, is always at the forefront of the author's interest. She navigates the - sometimes stormy - waters of international economic law with remarkable confidence, always keeping in mind the interests of trade and foreign investment.

I am pleased to declare that our colleague, Katarína Chovancová clearly meets all the requirements for a full professorship, and I wholeheartedly support her appointment. Her future contribution as a professor will be an asset for the Law Faculty of the Pan European University.

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