



## JUDr. Filip Melzer

Mr Melzer is a leading Czech expert in civil law and damages. He is the author of a commentary on the provisions of the Civil Code on compensation for damages and regularly lectures on the issue of compensation for damages. Also, he is currently acting as the President of the Tort Law Society in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In addition to graduating from the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University in Brno, he studied at the Faculty of Law of Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany and at the Faculty of Law of Universität Wien, Austria, where he primarily focused on legal methodology and private law. In 2002, he finished his postgraduate studies (Magister legum, LL.M.) at Universität Passau, Germany. He received the title of JUDr. at the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University, and in 2004, he finished his PhD. studies in civil law.

He works at the Department of Private Law and Civil Procedure at the Faculty of Law of Palacký University in Olomouc. In the past, he worked as an assistant judge at the Supreme Administrative Court, a junior lawyer, and then as an assistant to a judge at the Constitutional Court. In 2006, he passed his Czech bar examination.

From 2007 to 2012, he was a member of the codification committee of the Ministry of Justice, for the preparation of the new Civil Code, and since 2008, a member of the committee for private law of the Government Legislative Council.

From 2010 to 2012, he was Deputy Minister of Justice in the area of justice. He also participated in the management of legislative work for the recodification of private law. Starting in 2012, he was first the head and then a member of the Committee for Application of the New Civil Legislation at the Ministry of Justice, the goal of which is to facilitate the practical application of the new legislation. He also works as a lecturer at the Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic for training judges in the new legislation.

He regularly publishes in professional journals, and is the author of the "Methodology of finding the law, basics of legal argumentation" (C. H. Beck, 2nd edition, 2011) and Co-author of the "Large Academic Commentary to the Civil Code" (Linde, 2008). Both of them awarded with an honourable mention of the Rector of Palacký University in Olomouc, and he also received the Václava Mandáka award for the best professional article in the Advocacy Bulletin in 2020. In 2021 he published in C.H.Beck the large commentary to the new Civil Code as the main editor (together with Petr Tégel).

It is worth of mention that in 2018, Mr Melzer was awarded with the Pacta sunt Servanda medal of the Faculty of Law of Trnavské University and the Antonina Randy medal by the Union of Czech lawyers. In addition, he has an excellent understanding of the German language and is proficient in English and Polish.

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