27th Annual Study Trip to the Czech Republic
October 9–21, 2019
Dear Friends:

Can you believe it!? This is our 27th annual study trip, and many of us from the first trip are still going strong. This year we will continue our recent tradition of visiting another Middle-European country in addition to the Czech Republic. We will begin our trip in Hungary—a new stop for our group. Budapest offers us an opportunity to spend time in an historic city with a rich culture. We will have ample time to explore its sites, many of which date back to Roman times. On Sunday, we will take a bus from Budapest to Brno, stopping along the way at historical villages on the Danube.

Brno is, of course, the heart of our trip because of our 27-year history of cooperation with Masaryk University. In addition to presenting our annual “Day of U.S. Law” to the Masaryk law students, we will visit the Constitutional, Supreme, and Supreme Administrative Law Courts, where we will catch up on the latest developments in Czech law. We will also have time to visit with many of the Czech/Slovak alumni who came to Chicago for our exchange program. These alumni offer a panorama of experiences from the past quarter century and are a living demonstration of the changes that have occurred since the fall of Communism in 1989.

The final leg of our journey will take us to Prague, where we will have time to visit historical sites, shop, and enjoy the culture and cuisine that the city offers. We are adding an additional day for participants to enjoy Prague and its environs. This ensures that you have time to do all the shopping you desire, attend the opera or symphony at a quarter of the cost as in Chicago, and enjoy good libation with rich meals. See you all in October!

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Itinerary

October 9
Depart your gateway city for Vienna on the airline of your choice.

October 10
Meet your guide and ground transportation at the Vienna International Airport at 9 a.m. sharp and travel by bus to Budapest, the Paris of the East! See the church of St. Stephen; visit the Great Synagogue, the largest in Europe; and enjoy coffee and krémes in the Jewish Quarter. Check in at your local hotel.

October 11
Visit Buda. Take a walking tour of Castle Hill, including the Royal Palace and Matthias Church. See Aquincum, the ruins of an ancient Roman city built in the 1st century A.D. Enjoy a thermal bath or massage in the afternoon. Join us for our Welcome Dinner as we cruise the Danube and enjoy music and dancing.

October 12
Visit the Hungarian Parliament and Hero’s Square, a memorial to the seven chieftains of the Magyars. Shop the Great Market for spices, Hungarian embroidery, and porcelain. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at the baths. Optional evening concert at the Budapest Opera.

October 13
Bid farewell to Budapest as we begin our journey to the Czech Republic. Stop in Szentendre, a picturesque riverside village popular for its local artisans, boutiques, and coffee houses. Visit the Royal Palace at Visegrad, and enjoy its magnificent view overlooking the Danube River. Stop in Esztergom, known for its unique secular, religious, and cultural heritage, and view its Castle Hill, domed Cathedral, and St. Thomas Hill. Before continuing to the Czech Republic, stop for a light meal and local wine tasting. Check in at Hotel Continental Brno.

October 14
Enjoy a day of relaxation at your home away from home. An informal walkabout is planned for late morning. Spend the rest of the day shopping, hiking, or visiting with travel companions and new friends.

October 15
Join us for our annual morning visits to the Constitutional, Supreme, and Supreme Administrative Law Courts. Afternoon is free to visit local galleries, museums and explore the city on your own.

October 16
Attorneys, judges, and other travelers present “A Day of U.S. Law” at Masaryk Faculty of Law (MUFL). Attend the annual evening reception that celebrates the partnership between JMSL and MUFL at the Hotel Continental.

October 17
Depart Brno mid-morning. On our way to Prague, learn about local organizations at the VIA Foundation and about the foundation’s important work to improve communities. Visit local artisans perfecting their craft.

October 18
Take an optional, guided walk of the precincts of Prague Castle, including a visit to St. Vitus Cathedral, the final resting place of Bohemian kings. Enjoy a leisurely stroll across the 14th century Charles Bridge on our way to Old Town Square, where we’ll admire the newly refurbished Astronomical Clock. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon exploring this vibrant capital on your own. Enjoy a Friday evening concert, ballet, or opera in the heart of this capital city.

October 19
Enjoy a day outing to Rusalka’s Lake located to the south of Prague in Vysoké u Příbrami, and visit to the Dvořák Museum. Join the group in the evening for a farewell dinner at the Jama Steakhouse.

October 20
Free day to finish exploring Prague on your own. Consider enjoying the picturesque views of Golden Prague from Petřín Hill. Remember to purchase those last-minute gifts for that special someone on your list. Don’t forget to pack!

October 21
Ground transportation provided to Václav Havel Airport Prague, where we bid farewell to our travel companions after an unforgettable trip. Depart on a return flight to your gateway city.

Tour fee includes hotel accommodations, group ground transportation, entrance fees for group events, and tour guides and guide tips. Price does not include airfare. Breakfast is included with the hotel each day. Welcome and farewell dinners are also included. Itinerary subject to change.
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The price of the land tour is $2,200 per person, double occupancy, and $2,600 per person, single occupancy. **Registration deadline is Friday, June 28, 2019.** A valid passport is required; must be valid at least six months beyond the end date of travel. Please use a separate registration form for each traveler.

**Print** your name as it appears on your passport.

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Mailing address if different from above________________________

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**Land Program** (Please check all that apply.)

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☐ I authorize John Marshall to make my hotel reservations.

  ☐ I prefer double accommodations and will room with______________________________

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Space is limited. Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations must be paid in full by **August 9, 2019** (60 days before departure). Final payment may be made by personal check or credit card.

This program is open to alumni of The John Marshall Law School, their families and friends, and other supporters of the Czech/Slovak Institute.

**CLE Credit:** If you are a licensed Illinois attorney seeking CLE and/or MCLE credit, please complete this section. Total number of hours TBD.

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3. Payment to: Czech/Slovak Institute
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   Chicago, IL 60604

Note: A confirmation letter along with additional events, activities, and tour options will be sent to you upon receipt of the registration.
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