

# MY GIP EXPERIENCE

## Interning in Prague

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Internship Company: Marketa Haindlova Law Office



#### What were your primary responsibilities as an intern?

There were three main components of my internship: drafting legal documents for the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), editing contracts between players and teams, and researching sports laws and global players' unions.

#### What was your biggest accomplishment at your internship?

When researching for potential collaborations on behalf of a philanthropic partner organization, I discovered an instance of copyright infringement (a similar organization was using the same trademarked logo). My law firm had never dealt with this scenario; thus, my task was to create a letter of cease and desist to protect our partner. It demonstrated how important thorough research is and gave me an opportunity to learn something new through composing a legal document.

#### How did you balance work and academics, while still finding time to explore your host city/country?

One of the most fun ways to explore Prague was by taking random tram lines back from work and figuring out how to get back to my dorm. Since I was already out, the detours did not impact my schedule too much and I was able to expand my knowledge of the city, finding new restaurants to try, different parks to wander, and other scenic viewpoints/areas aside from the places listed on cliché travel guides.

#### What is one thing you wish you knew before departing for your program?

Budgeting! Coming in with a game plan would have helped ease some of the financial stress of being abroad and not having a paid job. That way I could still participate in fun activities, eat/try new foods, and travel.

#### What was the most memorable aspect of your internship experience?

Being exposed to other professionals in the international law sphere through networking with my boss and her colleagues is something I am very appreciative of and will remember. It was great to have people supportive of my future aspirations and actively doing their best to provide the resources that they have to help me succeed. This included going to events to meet people or having tasks catered to my interests within the sports sphere.

A photo of other program participants and me, wearing our "I ♥ PRG" shirts!



The view of downtown Prague during sunset, with its Baroque architecture and iconic spires.



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