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**Resolution of the Board of the Czech Bar Association**

of 2 February 2016,

**amending Resolution of the Board of the Czech Bar Association No. 2/1998 of the Official Journal, regulating conciliation proceedings (Rules of Procedure for Lawyers´ Conciliation), as amended**

Pursuant to § 28(3) and § 44(4)(b) of Act No. 85/1996 Coll., on the legal profession, as amended, the Board of the Czech Bar Association has adopted the following resolution:

Art. I

**Amendment to Resolution No. 2/1998 of the Official Journal**

Resolution of the Board of the Czech Bar Association No. 2/1998 of the Official Journal, regulating conciliation proceedings (Rules of Procedure for Lawyers´ Conciliation), as amended by Resolution of the Board of the Czech Bar Association No. 1/2003 of the Official Journal, is amended as follows:

**1.** In Art. 1(1), subparagraph (c) is inserted which reads:

“(c) conciliation proceedings in matters of consumer disputes under the law on consumer protection.”.

**2.** A new section III is inserted behind section II which reads:

“Section III.

**OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT OF CONSUMER DISPUTES**

Art. 21a

**Procedure of the Association in out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes**

(1) Procedure of the Association in out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes is governed by the law on consumer protection and legal regulations on the protection of personal data.

(2) Conciliation proceedings in matters of out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes are conducted before a lawyer appointed by the President of the Association (“authorized lawyer”). The term of office of the authorized lawyer shall be at least 3 years. The authorized lawyer must be independent and impartial. The President of the Association may remove the authorized lawyer only based on serious reasons. The remuneration of the authorized lawyer must not depend on the outcome of the out-of-court dispute resolution.

(3) Conciliation proceedings are free of charge for the parties.

(4) Unless stipulated otherwise by the law on consumer protection, provisions of section I shall apply accordingly in matters of out-of-court settlement of consumer disputes.”.

The current section III is now referred to as section IV.

Art. II

**Effect**

This resolution shall be effective as of the 30th day after its publication in the Journal of the Czech Bar Association.

JUDr. Martin Vychopeň, mp.

President

of the Czech Bar Association