



# We link up theory with experience

**“Our country desperately needs excellent lawyers who do not only perceive law as the plain normative formulas but who also employ ratio and dispose with a sense for law.”**

**— Pavel Franc**

**On the grounds of long-term cooperation with the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University (MU), we link up theoretical legal education with the involvement of students in the real-life cases.**

The Faculty of Law, MU, keeps up with the western patterns of legal education such as the ones established at Yale University or Columbia University. The advantage of the internship at Frank Bold consists of providing concrete legal assistance to people and communities in cases of strong public interest.



**JUDr. Kateřina Šimáčková, Ph.D**

Professor at Faculty of Law MU, Judge at the Constitutional Court

“I highly support internships of law students at distinct non-governmental organizations, because such internships frame the notion of social responsibility and future professional value scale of students.

Our students are lucky to obtain the first-class education, thus, I reckon, they shall bear a duty to assist those who were not that fortunate. Internships at non-governmental sector strengthen the empathy with those who are weaker or less strong. The students are often motivated to study harder if they recognize that accumulated knowledge comes useful in actual cases. They also frequently realize that there are practical gaps in their knowledge.

While educating lawyers, we shall strengthen the role of passing values and virtues to students. Only in such a case, the law will properly fulfil its role in a democratic legal state.“



**Mgr. Pavel Franc**

Programme director of Frank Bold

“I started off my career at Frank Bold as an intern myself; many of my current colleagues alike. I may affirm that an immediate encounter with legal practice leads to the deeper understanding of law during the studies.

The key element in our internship programme is that the students not only acquire knowledge and practical experience, but they also carry out work worthwhile for society.”

# Year 2013 in numbers

## Outputs of the interns

**1**

lawsuit

**2**

foreign internships  
(Paris and New York)

**7**

local cases publicized

**21**

local cases

**25**

personal meetings with  
partners and clients

**36**

petitions submitted w/  
administrative bodies

**132**

hours on the phone in  
the Counselling Centre

**170+**

jurisprudence  
researches

**500+**

cases of legal assistance  
provided to clients

**4365 hours of legal practice** for 30 interns

**2 debates** at law faculties

**7 collective supervisions**  
coordinated by a Frank  
Bold lawyer

**3 Frank Bold legal meetings**, several legal  
experts participating

**6 interactive trainings**  
for active citizens  
and public

**3 team-buildings**

**2-days-long entrance  
legal training**

# Intern- ship

**“Students gain valuable practical experience which they cannot be educated about — they have to go through it.”**



**MgA. Barbara Gregorová**

Interns' coordinator

“Frank Bold has involved law students in its work ever since it was founded in 1995. Since 2005, when the Frank Bold Counselling Centre was established, we provide legal practice to a range of 20 to 30 law students a year.

As the students studying at out-of-Brno Law Faculties were also interested in the internship, we adjusted the existing programmes and opened the new one so that they can also enrol. Simultaneously, Frank Bold lawyers are regularly involved in the education of students by means of legal clinics and other interactive methods on a long-term basis.”

## Guide to legal articles in action

**At the very beginning, students mostly engage in providing free legal assistance to clients of the Frank Bold Counselling Centre.**

They learn how to convey the problem of a client into the legal terminology, elaborate legal analyses, propose strategies — all under the supervision of a senior Frank Bold lawyer. At the same time, the interns may engage in our other activities such as asserting the amendment of certain statutes, or legal cases of national or even international character.



The Legal Counselling Centre helps people in real-life situations and actual legal problems. Hence our theoretical knowledge can be employed in reasonable practise. The queries of clients vary a lot, therefore, with almost every new query there comes an opportunity to get an insight into a new legal issue. Up to that, I was really interested in the running of the nongovernmental organization itself — accomplishing significant goals, friendly environment, high commitment of employees and unceasing creativity.

**Anna Hofschneiderová**

Frank Bold intern, student at the Faculty of Law MU

## Having the case in one's own hands



**In 2011 we have opened a new year-round internship programme: being-like-attorney internship.**

The students get a chance to deal with concrete legal cases of public

interest — protection of the environment, transparency of public administration, combating corruption — in the “attorney-like” mode.

Within this programme, the interns personally meet with the client and are involved in the process of creating and implementing the legal strategy of the case as well as drafting relevant legal submissions. They may attend public hearings or municipality meetings and come in touch with administrative bodies quite frequently. If there is a success achieved in the case, they are also worthy of the credit.

Students have cases “in their own hands”. As they can directly communicate with clients and are responsible for the case to their supervisors, their personal motivation increases. What I appreciated most is that it was possible to see the whole story from very close — visit the concrete site, speak to concrete people, go through the administrative decisions and get acquainted with all the circumstances of the case.

**Emma Procházková**

Frank Bold intern, student at the Faculty of Law MU

“Before entering Frank Bold, I did not anticipate the internship would be that practical. I particularly did not expect to work on such cases as I was offered. I reckon that for a law student the internship at Frank Bold is a great opportunity how to get involved in Frank Bold’s activities and have a try at legal practise. I also appreciate that during the internship I could meet with remarkable people and experts on various legal topics.”

**Tomáš Všeťečka**

Frank Bold intern, student at the Faculty of Law UPOL

# Cases

**„What is remarkable about our cases is the connection of legal, human, and active citizenship aspects.“**



**Mgr. Jana Kravčíková**  
Head of Service  
for Citizens

“Students both increase their qualification and help to protect important values of civic society and a legal democratic state. Through legal articles they are able to see real-life stories.

They can watch the cases unfolding — starting often with a short query submitted to the Counselling Centre and sometimes developing into a significant legal case. The interns are a great support for the locals dealing with the case.”

## Drinking water source in Holešov

**In Holešov, we are cooperating with local citizens who aspire to protect the source of drinking water from potential contamination by toxic substances possibly produced by operations within the industrial zone situated above the source.**

This source of water currently feeds the taps of 28,000 people, while its maximum potential is estimated at 200,000 people.

Under the supervision of Frank Bold lawyers, the interns assisted the locals with legal analyses, approached the Ombudsman’s Office, helped out with the procedural questions of the trial, and elaborated several lawsuits concerning the industrial operations, as the environment and the drinking water source were not sufficiently protected. In that regard, one lawsuit concerned the violation of the right to information of local citizens.

As a result, there was a positive outcome in the case. First, the court issued a preliminary injunction. Subsequently, two building permits were cancelled by the court.



Today, for the first time, I have a feeling that the system works. The court complied with our lawsuit! Or more precisely ... the court issued a preliminary injunction. Well, it is only like 10 % of the lawsuit, but still, that is a success, or not?

**Martin Studnička**

Frank Bold intern, student at the Faculty of Law MU

## Referendum in Krhová



Colourful, practical, beneficial,  
simply perfect practise!

### **Tereza Domčíková**

Frank Bold intern, student  
at the Faculty of Law MU

**The citizens of Krhová, a district of Valašské Meziříčí, wanted to prevent the construction of a municipal waste dump just outside their residential area.**

Furthermore, the Town Council sold a local community centre, pursued the closure of a local elementary school, and tried to sell off surrounding forests to a private entity. The locals thus decided to make a sweeping move. In the referendum, they offered all members of local community the possibility to choose whether Krhová shall remain a district of larger town Valašské Meziříčí, or whether it shall be separated from it.

A team of Frank Bold interns first assisted local active citizens to fight off the construction of the waste dump by legal means. Second, from the moment the locals decided to organise the local referendum, interns in cooperation with senior Frank Bold lawyers provided legal assistance to secure the legality of the referendum.

On the 21st of April 2012, three quarters of the eligible voters of Krhová definitively expressed their opinion and said yes to the separation. In the beginning of 2013, Krhová held the first elections of its own town representatives and started to make decisions about its future.

The cooperation with the Frank Bold interns was very helpful and has decisively impacted the trouble-free process of the referendum. As to the contemporary situation regarding the waste dump — we finally won it.

### **Z. Adamec,**

Civic association Hrádky  
bez skládky

 **Frank Bold** links up theory with experience and deepens the understanding of law. We provide help to individuals and communities in cases of public interest.

**Mgr. Jana Kravčíková**

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