

# Preface

I am pleased to introduce you to “*Fundamentals of Polish Business Law*.” This text has its roots in my book which was published in 2005 and was entitled “*Polish Commercial Law: an Introduction*.” During the past decade, there have been many changes to Polish law affecting business matters as well. This current edition of the previous text is divided into 10 chapters, provides an update and focuses on some selected topics of business law.

Chapter 1 serves as an introduction to our legal system. Topics of particular importance covered are: distinguishing between the civil and common law systems, constitution, legislation, executive power and judiciary. Chapter 2 consists of many subchapters discussing some of the distinctive features of the definition of “entrepreneur.” Chapter 3 is designated to give you an understanding of the concepts of naming a business correctly. Chapter 4 contains information on rules and terms for the registration of entrepreneurs along with the registration procedure. Chapter 5 introduces various forms of organizations that can be utilized to assist in operating business activities. Factors that make one organization preferable to another are presented. This Chapter is rather comprehensive as it discusses these organizations in three stages (1) the method of creating an organization, (2) the legal aspects of operating this organization and (3) the law which relates to dissolving of a business organization. Chapter 6 introduces forms of organizations in which foreign entities may conduct their business activities in Poland. Chapter 7 consists of many subchapters discussing some of the basic legal principles of the Polish law of employment which may be of interest to business people operating their businesses and employing staff in Poland. Chapter 8 gives an insight into the structure of the court system as well as the litigation procedure and alternatives to litigation (arbitration). Chapter 9 is dedicated to criminal law and business because of the increasing prevalence of white collar crimes in our society. Finally, Chapter 10 discusses insolvency and restructuring law dealing with the law as it relates to creditors and debtors.

My most sincere wish is that you will find these fundamentals to be a worthwhile and enjoyable part of your legal education and also within practising law as attorneys, judges, students and English teachers. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions, so please feel free to contact me through my publisher BECK.

Good luck!

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