

Communication concerning the decision of the Curia of Hungary
in civil case n° Pfv.V.21.066/2017

The legal predecessor of the plaintiff and the defendant concluded a “framework services contract” on 29 October 2009 in respect of the complete construction and operation of the Hungarian pavilion of the Shanghai World Expo to be held between 1 May and 31 October 2010, the preparation and organisation of the Expo’s Hungarian cultural programmes and other related events, the carrying out of press and PR tasks, as well as the dismantlement of installations after the end of the Shanghai Expo.

A dispute arose between the parties over the settlement of accounts, the plaintiff rejected to pay part of the services fees, as a result of which the defendant terminated the contract with immediate effect.

The plaintiff took legal action against the defendant, the courts handled their dispute as a high priority case. In its final judgement, the court of second instance rejected both the plaintiff’s claim and the defendant’s counterclaim. Proceeding upon the defendant’s petition for judicial review, the Curia was entitled to examine only whether the court of second instance had lawfully rejected the defendant’s counterclaim. The Curia found that the final judgement had been unlawful in that regard, therefore it ordered the court of second instance to reopen its proceedings and re-examine the counterclaim.

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Civil Department of the Curia of Hungary