**JUDr. Klára Alžběta Samková, Ph.D.,**

born in 1963 in Brno into the family of art historians of Bohumil and Eva Samek. She graduated from law school in Prague and in Brno, she defended thesis on the topic of "The transition from a democratic to Nazi government in Germany in 1933" in 1986 at the Charles University in Prague; there she also completed a doctorate in history of state and law and theory of law. She defended her dissertation thesis of "The protection of human rights with regard to their origin" (The biological origin of human rights) in 2008 at the Department of Theory of Law at the Law Faculty of Masaryk University in Brno.

She completed a number of foreign placements aimed at the protection of human rights, including internships in the Canadian Parliament and the Canadian Human Rights Commission and next in the U.S. Congress in the House office of Congressman Christopher Cox.

In 1990 she was elected on the candidate ticket of the Civic Forum for Roma/Gypsy Civic Initiative, as a Parliament member of the Federal Assembly of Czechoslovakia. During her two-year mandate she worked in the constitutional committee. Although not of Roma/Gypsy origin, in 1992-1993 she was the Vice President of the Roma/Gypsy Civic Initiative, for both the Czech and Slovak Republic. She had co-founded Roma/Gypsy Civic Initiative in 1989 and left four years later. In 1993, she prepared with Congressman Tom Lantos the first hearing before the Commission on Human Rights Congress and U.S. Senate (Human Rights Caucus) to question the status of Roma/Gypsy in Central and Eastern Europe. She participated in the negotiations which successfully resulted in the adoption of the International Romani Union to the UN in 1993.

In 2003 she was nominated by President Václav Klaus on the site of the Constitutional Court judge, in this instance the Senate rejected her candidacy due to her supposed "immaturity." The negative factor for the rejection of her candidacy probably was due to the concurrent success at the European Court of Human Rights. This was in direct connection with the time of the decision making, of her becoming a judge at the Constitutional Court. At this time she concluded a settlement with the Czech Republic for her Roma/Gypsy clients, the Červeňák family from Ústí nad Labem, which was perceived not only by the populist public, but also by some of the Senate senators, as a "gift" that the "gypsies did not deserve" regardless of the fact that it was a result of a lawsuit.

In the years 1993-2010 she was married to a Roma/Gypsy activist Ivan Veselý. She has a daughter Daria (born 1998).

In 1996-1999 she managed the legal section of the Czech edition of Cosmopolitan, in 2007-2010 she worked with the Aktualne.cz editors; she was devoted to political commentary on different themes. For about 10 years she was a collaborator of the web server www.finmag.cz, which deals with wider aspects of economics, she also writes for the magazine ONA Dnes, she publishes relatively widely in professional and social journals.

JUDr. Klára Alžběta Samková, Ph.D. has even made numerous appearances in the media. She is a regular commentator on political, legal, and social events, which she frequently uses social networks for, especially Facebook. Her ironic commentaries are being sought-after by private persons, for journalists they serve as a source of information and notice of interesting correlation.

She is of a conservative political opinion and member of the Old Catholic Church.

She works as an attorney focusing on human rights, family law, including representation before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Her private opinions is possible to follow on her private web sides [www.zrcadleni.cz](http://www.zrcadleni.cz) (mirroring), but only in Czech.

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