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## In defense of the state

If an accused person has the right to a lawyer, a corrupt political system should also have the right to legal representation when it comes under attack in the court of public opinion, right? The attorney who most often volunteers to play this role on behalf of the accused Czech political system is Tomáš Sokol. When asked about the CASA case, he said it will be very [difficult to prove the guilt](#) of Vlasta Parkanová, but he admitted that he doesn't know the details. An attorney defending the rule of law would say something like, "I don't know the details, but I have full faith in the country's law-enforcement agencies." But that could get Sokol in hot water with his two paying clients in the David Rath case, who will presumably base their own defense partly on a conspiracy of the police and state prosecutors. With Sokol providing such good service to the Czech state, it just doesn't seem fair that he should be doing it pro bono.



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