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Pavel Rychetský and #JusticniMeToo



Just as Harvey Weinstein was going to trial, Pavel Rychetský condemned himself to another three years as chief justice of the Constitutional Court. The default expectation is that an elected or appointed official will complete his or her time in office, and Rychetský's statement last week that he now [intends to serve out his 10-year second term](#) is only news because he was part of a [plot to allow a handful of judges](#) to divvy up positions at the top of the Czech judicial system. Rychetský was the guru who was to make it all happen by retiring early. When Pres. Miloš Zeman balked at this, the other two spurned judges, Josef Baxa and Vojtěch Šimíček, started crying like Hollywood starlets about inappropriate pressure. Rychetský is now bringing this [#JusticniMeToo](#) episode to a close. He's punishing Zeman, but revenge has a personal cost. He'll have to complete his term without any assurance that the next president will be any more receptive to his judicial nominations than Zeman is.

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