



KYRIAKIDES GEORGOPOULOS
Law Firm

Litigation & Arbitration Practice





Kyriakides Georgopoulos (KG) Law Firm dates back to the 1930s and is one of Greece's oldest and most reputable law firms. KG Law Firm is comprised of over 100 highly skilled professionals actively involved in the provision of legal services to high profile Greek and international clients.

The multidisciplinary teams of lawyers are efficient in working closely with clients and in ascertaining innovative and practical solutions to complex problems. The successful handling of our clients' affairs is attributed to our professionalism, efficiency and expertise, qualities that our firm constantly seeks to promote.

The **KG Law Firm Litigation & Arbitration Practice** is composed by over 30 practitioners (partners and associates) who provide dispute resolution services and exclusively handle contentious cases. Our team's long standing experience has placed our firm in the unique position to undertake and handle complicated cases with efficiency, whilst maintaining a cost-effective attitude for our clients.

The combination of hard work, commitment, legal skills and constant training of our litigators allows us to achieve a very high level of successful conclusion of the contentious cases that we undertake. Our expertise in dispute resolution ranges from day-to-day civil disputes before the lower national courts to high-profile international arbitration cases and white collar criminal law.

In acknowledgment of the fact that most clients seek to avoid litigation, we are also experienced in negotiations and in the settlement of disputes and always work in cooperation with our clients in order to attempt to conclude their cases extra judicially.

It is this approach and hard work that has traditionally earned us a top tier ranking in all leading independent legal directories.

The team's clientele consists of large Greek and foreign listed multinational companies, small & medium sized entities, banking institutions, corporations and private individuals.

KG Law Firm is a founding member of **South East Europe (SEE) Legal Group**, a regional alliance of 10 leading independent law firms, covering 12 jurisdictions in South East Europe. Working together on cross-border transactions, the group is the largest legal force in South East Europe numbering over 450 lawyers, organized in cross-jurisdictional practice groups. Each of the member firms has been ranked as a leading firm in its jurisdiction and with a presence in capital cities and a number of satellite offices.

>Litigation & Arbitration Practice Overview

An indicative list of areas in which our Litigation & Arbitration Practice has been involved in includes:

- Arbitration & Mediation
- Banking
- Corporate & Commercial
- Criminal - White Collar crime
- Debt Collection
- Employment
- Intellectual Property
- Agency, Distribution & Franchising
- Product Liability
- Public law
- Real Estate
- Safety Measures & Injunctions
- Tax litigation



>Experience

■ Arbitration & Mediation

In the arbitration sector our firm has a long standing experience and has advised and represented clients both in domestic as well as in international arbitrations conducted indicatively under the ICC Rules of Arbitration, the UNCITRAL Model law on commercial arbitration, the Greek Technical Chamber of Commerce, the Athens Bar Association and other recognized institutions. With respect to mediation we are proud to say that our team was amongst the first Greek lawyers to handle a mediation case in Greece before the Hellenic Center of Mediation & Arbitration.

■ Banking

With all major Greek and many foreign banking institutions on our clientele list, we have on several occasions handled on behalf of our clients litigation relating to liquidation proceedings, recovery of assets, disputes between financial institutions and client's, money laundering, fraud and embezzlement, disputes over guarantees or loan agreements and other claims for malpractice initiated either by private investors or by local authorities.

■ Corporate & Commercial

In Corporate & Commercial disputes and being one of Greece's leading litigation practices, we have a longstanding experience in litigating, arbitrating and resolving all cases that we handle whether they emanate from M&As, the sale, commercial contracts or business competition, development agreements, sale goods and purchase agreements, leasing agreements, partnership and shareholder issues. Our litigators always take a practical, commercial approach and work with the client to build the right strategy for each case.

■ Criminal - White Collar crime

White collar criminal law is an area of practice in which KG has developed a very strong practice. We regularly advise and represent clients before the investigative authorities and courts of all levels in relation to cases involving money laundering, bribery, forgery, perjury, manslaughter by negligence, grievous body harm, defamation etc. We also often act on behalf of our clients as plaintiffs and civil party in the criminal proceedings in relation to all sorts of financial crimes committed against corporations.

■ Debt Collection

On behalf of most of our clients we handle on an ongoing basis debt collection cases emanating from unpaid invoices, contractual disputes and/or bounced cheques. In this field of practice, and recognizing the critical significance of maintaining cash flow to our clients, we strive to provide fast, cost effective solutions to increase chances of recovery and always strive to exhaust out-of-court settlement approaches prior to filling statutory demands against debtors.

■ Employment

The employment law team is highly experienced in all matters of labor and social security law and regularly represents clients in drafting and negotiating employment contracts for Greek and foreign corporate clients. At the same time the team also handles labor law related litigation on executive terminations, data protection issues, on mass dismissals and collective redundancy claims before either the competent administrative bodies or the Greek courts of all levels.

■ Intellectual Property

We have considerable experience in the handling of trademark, copyright and patent proceedings and "passing off" actions as well as of litigation involving unfair competition (such as imitation of unprotected works and products), illegal use of trademark, breach of copyright, trade secrets, patents, Know-how, protection of confidential information etc.

■ Agency, Distribution & Franchising

Agency, distribution and franchising can present high-stakes issues for local, national and international businesses alike. KG has a long standing experience in drafting, negotiating and advising its clientele on agreements for a broad range of products, brands and services. In addition, our team of litigators is very experienced and has an excellent track record in litigating successfully cases arising from agency, distribution and franchise agreements.



■ Product Liability

In the practice area of product liability we have developed a very strong practice in all areas of practice and have particular expertise in pharmaceutical cases, in the food and beverages industry as well as in the automotive sector acting usually on behalf of manufacturers and importers.

■ Real Estate

In the practice area of real estate, we act as legal advisors to a large number of important real estate development projects, some of which are specialized and innovative. Our clients consist of large Greek and international construction and development companies, real estate owners, financial institutions and hotel operators. The team's litigators have handled complex property disputes related to construction agreements, exploitation licenses time-sharing, leasing, mortgages, real estate auctions, mutual funds, collective companies and all sorts of leasing disputes.

■ Safety Measures & Injunctions

All our litigators are highly experienced and handle on an ongoing basis litigious cases that involve the representation of clients in safety measures petitions. In particular, we have an extensive experience in the imposition or lifting of liens, injunctions, seizure orders or the provisional arrest of assets.

■ Tax Litigation

We have in depth knowledge of the Greek tax regime and an excellent understanding of how international transactions and structures work. Major areas of our practice include tax planning, international tax treaties, applications for obtaining tax rulings, assistance in the event of tax audits, representation before tax authorities, out-of-court settlements, tax litigation and representation before all levels of courts.



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