



## LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION



## WHO WE ARE

In today's world of complex business transactions, the rise of cross-border disputes is inevitable. Successfully navigating these challenges requires the expertise of top-tier dispute resolution and litigation specialists to protect and advance your interests. With over fifty years of experience, Elias Neocleous & Co LLC offers the assurance and skill needed to safeguard your rights.

Our Tier 1 Legal 500-ranked litigation and dispute resolution practice is among the most experienced in Cyprus, uniquely distinguished as the only firm with a specialist European law team based in Brussels. Our partners are highly rated by leading independent agencies, including IFLR, ITR, Legal 500, and Benchmark Litigation. We provide strategic legal counsel and high-quality services tailored to the specific needs of our clients, ranging from international corporations and organisations to private individuals. We are recognised for our exceptional track record in helping clients assert and protect their rights efficiently and with minimal risk.

As the largest international law firm in Cyprus, we draw on multidisciplinary expertise across all areas of law to deliver optimal solutions. Our strategic thinking is second to none, and we have been involved in many of the most significant and high-profile disputes before the Cyprus courts in recent years. This success is reflected in our prestigious client base, which includes international law firms, global enterprises, and high-net-worth individuals.

While litigation remains the predominant method of dispute resolution in Cyprus, alternative approaches such as arbitration and mediation offer significant advantages, particularly in large, cross-border disputes involving complex technical, financial, or scientific matters. Our dispute resolution team is highly experienced in all forms of alternative dispute resolution and is adept at representing clients before all major international tribunals.



## WHAT WE DO & HOW WE CAN HELP

Our extensive resources and use of modern technology enable us to handle disputes of any size and complexity with efficiency and agility. We prioritise our clients' best interests, striving to resolve conflicts before they escalate. We believe prevention is better than cure. We work with clients to identify vulnerabilities and develop strategies to manage risk, including legal audits, compliance reviews, and scenario analyses to prevent future disputes. However, we are always prepared to litigate or arbitrate to secure the best possible outcome.

### ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Our specialist team handles high-profile judicial review cases and advises on all aspects of administrative law. We represent local government bodies, individuals, and companies in disputes involving planning, compulsory purchase, and related matters. Members of our litigation team have extensive experience representing clients before the Administrative Court, the Cyprus Competition Commission, and the Tenders Review Authority.

### ADMIRALTY & SHIPPING

Our shipping litigation lawyers have decades of experience in admiralty law before the Court of Cyprus (Admiralty Jurisdiction). We are regularly engaged in proceedings for the arrest or release of vessels and for compulsory sale for execution purposes. We advise insurers, shipowners, and operators on a wide range of shipping matters, including employment-related claims, collisions, salvage, bills of lading, charterparties, and cargo loss or damage claims.

### BANKING AND FINANCE

We act for both international and domestic banks in recovery proceedings, bankruptcy, and insolvency matters. Our team includes licensed insolvency practitioners qualified to act as receivers or examiners of companies. We advise credit institutions and their clients on debt restructuring, settlement agreements, enforcement of guarantees, and other security issues.

### CONTRACTUAL DISPUTES

We advise on all types of contractual disputes, including those arising from joint venture agreements, investment contracts, loan agreements, agency and distribution agreements, sales, construction contracts, employment agreements, and leases. We represent clients in both litigation and arbitration proceedings.

### CORPORATE LITIGATION & DISPUTES

We have an outstanding record in resolving corporate disputes, especially shareholder conflicts, in our clients' favour. Our experience includes handling corporate fraud, white-collar crime, and asset tracing, and we are the Cyprus members of ICC FraudNet. We act in all types of insolvency proceedings and have several licensed insolvency practitioners qualified to act as receivers or examiners of companies.



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## A TRUSTED TEAM BY YOUR SIDE

### CRIMINAL LAW

Our specialist criminal law team handles cases ranging from minor traffic offences to complex fraud and white-collar crime. We also represent clients in matters involving cybercrime and regulatory offences, providing discreet and efficient service to safeguard individual and corporate reputations.

### EMPLOYMENT DISPUTES

As the Cyprus representative of the Employment Law Alliance, we advise both employers and employees on employment-related disputes. Our litigation experts have experience before the Industrial Disputes Court and other tribunals, handling matters such as unfair dismissal, workplace discrimination, and breach of employment contracts.



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### FAMILY LAW

Led by the only IAFL Fellow in Cyprus, our family law team is experienced in divorce, separation agreements, custody disputes, maintenance and lump sum settlements, property arrangements, and related matters. We also specialise in international family law, providing cross-jurisdictional opinions and handling adoption cases and civil union agreements.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION

We are the first choice for international companies seeking to protect their intellectual property rights in Cyprus. Our firm has been involved in nearly every major contentious IP matter in recent years, acting for brands such as Four Seasons, WD-40, Novartis, Biogen Inc., Osaka Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd, Moderna Switzerland GmbH, Dior, and Marks & Spencer.

“The individuals I have had the privilege of working with at Elias Neocleous & Co LLC are exceptional in their professionalism, expertise, and dedication to their clients.”





It was a pleasure for us to work with the Neocleous team! Their constant support and understanding were very important and led to the successful outcome of the transaction.

#### **INTERNATIONAL ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS AND ARBITRAL AWARDS**

We advise on enforcing overseas judgments and arbitral awards against assets in Cyprus under EU regulations, international treaties, and common law. We also assist in enforcing Cyprus judgments abroad, as well as asset tracing and recovery in cross-border cases.

#### **INSURANCE LITIGATION**

Our dedicated team advises insurers and policyholders on coverage and policy issues arising from traffic accidents, personal injury, product liability, employer's liability, and other matters. We also handle complex disputes involving denied claims, subrogation, and reinsurance.

#### **MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE**

We pioneered medical negligence litigation in Cyprus, earning a strong reputation for representing both claimants and defendants in complex, high-profile cases. We act for patients, families, healthcare professionals, institutions, and insurers in matters involving medical malpractice.

#### **PRIVATE CLIENT & TRUST DISPUTES**

We act in contentious private client matters, including estate and probate disputes, succession challenges, and asset protection claims. Our team represents beneficiaries and trustees in local and international trust litigation involving breaches of trust, fiduciary duty disputes, and validity challenges, and we regularly appear in court on behalf of trustees seeking directions or approvals to ensure compliance with Cyprus law and the protection of trust assets.

#### **TORT CASES**

In addition to our specialisms, we act in other tort claims, including defamation, product liability, negligence, and nuisance.

Elias Neocleous & Co LLC is one of the largest law firms in Cyprus and a leading firm in the South-East Mediterranean region, with offices located in Limassol, Nicosia, Paphos, Brussels, Budapest, Kiev, and Prague. We are renowned for our expertise and jurisdictional knowledge across a broad spectrum of practice areas, spanning all major transactional and market disciplines, to bring strategic solutions to global clients operating in key industries worldwide.





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