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Who we are

We live in an era in which international business transactions have become more complex than ever before. Inevitably, complex cross border disputes have become increasingly common and making the right choice of litigator is of utmost importance.

Our litigation and dispute resolution practice is among the largest in Cyprus. We pride ourselves on providing a comprehensive dispute resolution service of the highest quality and responsiveness. Our prestigious client portfolio speaks for itself. Our clients range from global businesses and organizations to high net worth private individuals. We are the go-to law firm in Cyprus for most leading international law firms, not only for their clients' disputes but also for their own private matters.

Our qualified and experienced specialist litigators focus on giving clear, effective support and practical guidance to our clients, however complex and difficult the dispute may appear. Our team is focused upon helping clients to assert and defend their legal rights in a timely and cost-effective manner, at least possible risk.

We have the expertise and experience to advise on and deal with the largest and most complex issues, and the resources, knowledge and strategic thinking to safeguard clients' best interests. We have been involved in most of the largest and high-profile disputes heard by the Cyprus courts in recent years, with an unmatched record of success.

We also have particular expertise in undertaking and co-ordinating multi-jurisdictional litigation, working with clients' advisers in other countries or using our extensive network of overseas litigation experts.

While litigation is still the most common method for resolving disputes in Cyprus, alternative dispute resolution, such as arbitration and mediation, is becoming increasingly prevalent, particularly for large, cross-border disputes involving complex technical, financial or scientific issues. Our dispute resolution personnel are experienced in all forms of alternative dispute resolution, and in dealing with cases before all the major international tribunals, including the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, the London Court of International Arbitration and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes. We advise at the contract negotiation stage on the most effective means of dispute resolution and, if disputes arise, represent clients in alternative dispute resolution proceedings to ensure that their interests are fully safeguarded.



“A great firm with excellent lawyers’. The ‘first-class’ practice handles all aspects of domestic and cross-border dispute resolution”
- The Legal 500

What we do and how we can help

We have more than five decades of experience and knowledge based upon thousands of cases of all types. We provide clients with a bespoke, top quality litigation and dispute resolution service. We have the resources to handle all types of disputes efficiently and responsively, irrespective of size or apparent complexity. We seek what is best for our clients and although we aim at resolving disputes before they escalate, we are always ready to litigate or arbitrate in order to bring about the best possible results for our clients.

Administrative law

A specialist team deals with high profile judicial review cases and advises clients on administrative law matters. We represent local government bodies, individuals and companies in disputes involving planning, compulsory purchase and other issues. Members of our litigation team are highly experienced in representing clients before the Administrative Court, the Cyprus Competition Commission and the Tenders Review Authority.

Banking and finance

We act for international and domestic banks in recovery proceedings, bankruptcy and insolvency matters. We have several licensed insolvency practitioners qualified to accept appointment as receivers or examiners of companies. We advise credit institutions and their customers on debt restructuring, settlement agreements, enforcement of guarantees and other security issues.

Admiralty and shipping

Our shipping litigation specialists have decades of experience in admiralty litigation before the Supreme Court of Cyprus (Admiralty Jurisdiction). We are regularly retained to act in proceedings for the arrest or release of vessels as well as for compulsory sale for execution purposes. We advise insurers, ship owners and operators in relation to all sorts of shipping matters, including employment-related claims, claims for collision or salvage or on the basis of bills of lading or charterparties, and claims for loss or damage to cargo.

Contractual disputes

We advise on all types of contractual disputes arising from joint venture agreements, investment agreements, loan agreements, agency and distribution agreements, sale agreements, construction agreements, employment agreements, lease agreements and the like, and represent our clients in any litigation or arbitration proceedings.



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that the service
the client receives
is always excellent ”
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Corporate disputes

We have an enviable record in resolving corporate disputes, particularly disputes between shareholders, in favour of our clients. We are experienced in dealing with corporate fraud, other white-collar crime and asset tracing, and are the Cyprus members of ICC Fraudnet. We act in all sorts of insolvency proceedings, and have several licensed insolvency practitioners qualified to accept appointment as receivers or examiners of companies.

Employment disputes

We advise both employers and employees on employment-related contentious matters. Our employment litigation specialists are experienced in representing clients before the Industrial Disputes Court and other courts.

Intellectual property litigation

We are the “go-to” firm for international companies wishing to put a stop to infringement of their intellectual property rights. We have been involved in almost every large contentious intellectual property matter that has arisen in Cyprus in recent years including acting for such major brands as Four Seasons Hotels, Hermitage, Starwood Hotels, Vodafone, Procter & Gamble, Sanofi-Aventis, Budweiser, WD-40, Tiffany and Coca Cola.

Criminal law

A small, specialist team deals with criminal law issues of all types, from simple traffic cases to complex fraud and white-collar crime.

Family law

We have specialists experienced in dealing with family law issues including divorce, separation agreements, custody disputes, maintenance and lump sum settlements, property provisions and other ancillary matters.

Insurance litigation

We have a specialist team which advises insurance companies and policyholders on coverage and policy issues arising from a wide range of situations such as traffic accidents, personal injury claims, product liability, employer’s liability and similar issues.

International enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards

We advise clients who hold judgments and arbitral awards issued overseas on the most effective way of enforcing them against assets held in Cyprus, under EU regulations, international treaties and common law, and clients who hold judgments issued in Cyprus on their enforcement overseas.



Medical negligence

We pioneered the development of medical negligence litigation in Cyprus. We advise and act for claimants and defendants and their insurers on a wide range of claims. We have unmatched expertise in the law relating to healthcare and associated issues, particularly as regards assisted human reproduction.

Risk assessment

We believe that prevention is better than cure, and we help clients to identify potential vulnerabilities and risks and to develop and implement strategies to manage them.

Trust disputes

We advise on and handle all types of disputes arising from trusts, including breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duties and claims regarding validity of trusts.

Private client

We advise high net-worth individual clients on tax planning and wealth management and assist them with resolution of disputes if they arise, including family law matters, estate administration and probate and contentious trust matters.

Tort cases

In addition to specialized areas such as medical negligence and intellectual property litigation we also have great expertise in dealing with other types of tort claims, including defamation, product liability, negligence and nuisance.

This brochure is merely a synopsis of what we do and of the services we provide to our local and international clients. We can help in every situation, so please do not hesitate to contact us for a confidential preliminary discussion.

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Contact Our Team

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Elias Neocleous & Co LLC is the largest law firm in Cyprus and is internationally recognised as a leading law firm in the South-East Mediterranean region.

We are the only Cyprus firm selected for Legal Business magazine's **"Euro Elite" top 100 firms** in Europe. We have more than 140 fee-earners and management team whose skills we leverage to assist clients. We serve clients out of three offices in Cyprus and out of an international network of offices in the main destinations for investment via Cyprus.

Our staff have unmatched experience in assisting clients in cross-border investment projects in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Our attention to client service is what sets us apart.

For us the client comes first.

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