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WHO WE ARE | LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In an era of complex business and personal transactions it is inevitable that the number of cross border disputes is increasing. When faced with the complexities associated with such disputes it is vital that you have the best dispute resolution and litigation specialists protecting and promoting your rights. With more than fifty years of expertise behind us, Elias Neocleous & Co LLC can provide you with that security.

Our Legal 500 Tier 1 rated Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice is one of the most experienced and best resourced in Cyprus, and the only one to include a specialist European law team based in Brussels. Our partners are all highly rated by independent agencies such as Legal 500, IFLR and Benchmark Litigation and we pride ourselves on providing a high quality, comprehensive, effective, timely and responsive dispute resolution service.

Part of the largest international law firm in Cyprus, we can draw on expertise and experience across all facets of the law and use them to formulate the optimal solutions for our clients. Our strategic thinking is second to none. Consequently, we have been successfully involved in most of the large, high-profile disputes heard by the Cyprus courts in recent years and our prestigious client portfolio reflect this winning record. Our clients include international law firms, global organizations, and high net worth private individuals. They all benefit from our expertise in undertaking and coordinating multi-jurisdictional litigation.

While litigation is still the most common method for resolving disputes in Cyprus, alternative dispute resolution methods, such as arbitration and mediation, are gaining popularity. This process has been accelerated because of the Covid 19 pandemic. Alternative dispute resolution can be beneficial in terms of providing relatively timely and cost- effective solutions. This is particularly true for large, cross-border disputes involving complex technical, financial or scientific issues. They can also be less emotionally taxing than court proceedings. Our dispute resolution personnel are experienced in all forms of alternative dispute resolution, and in dealing with cases before all the major international tribunals. Our own alternative dispute resolution centre will open in Limassol in 2022.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Elias Neocleous & Co LLC is the Cyprus representative of the Employment Law Alliance. 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.

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.

"Makes sure that
THE SERVICE
the client receives
IS ALWAYS EXCELLENT "

- The Legal 500



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.

FAMILY LAW

Our team includes two IAFL fellows who head up a team of experts experienced in dealing with issues such as 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.

Building on our heritage.
INNOVATING
FOR THE FUTURE.



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.



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 largest law firm in Cyprus by a considerable margin and are generally recognised as the leading law firm in the Southeast Europe. We have more than 140 fee-earners operating out of three offices in Cyprus and 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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