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## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

WALK Attorneys at Law | Advokati (the „**Office**“) provides specialized legal services in all fields of business law, especially corporate and commercial law, intellectual property law, protection of competition, labor law, white color and cyber-crime, energy law, data protection and medical law. The Office has also established close relations with foreign law offices in order to satisfy legal needs of its clients with business interests abroad.

The Office represents clients before all courts in the Republic of Serbia as well as before domestic and foreign arbitration panels.

Working languages of the Office are Serbian and English.

### **Corporate and Commercial**

Contemporary business environment brings new opportunities for companies, while at the same time poses various challenges. In such an evolving environment, proper legal advisory is of crucial significance.

The corporate and commercial law is the core area of our expertise. The Office provides corporate advisory services to multinational, international and domestic clients regarding the most appropriate corporate forms fitting the client's specific needs on local market, negotiating and drafting incorporation acts and shareholders' agreements, corporate governance issues, acquisition structuring, statutory and legal form changes, capital increases, capital reductions and exit strategies (liquidations and sale of shares/assets). We also advice, negotiate and draft various commercial contracts, including all types of sale and purchase contracts, joint venture contracts, franchise contracts and distribution contracts.

Our expertise also encapsulates legal advising on regulatory and legal compliance aspects of business activities.

The Office represents its clients before the Business Registers' Agency of the Republic of Serbia, Central Securities Depository and Clearing House, the Commission for Protection of Competition, Tax Administration and other administrative bodies of the Republic of Serbia.

## **Intellectual property**

Intellectual property has become one of the most important assets in modern business. Its growing significance and value, brought the need for an adequate and prompt legal protection for the Intellectual Property owners.

Our legal services in this area are primarily oriented to legal advices related to the protection of trademarks, as well as protection of two-dimensional or three-dimensional external appearance of part or entire product i.e. industrial design. The Office also provides legal support to innovators in terms of obtaining patent protection for their inventions.

Particular attention has been devoted to providing legal advices in relation to protection of copyright and related rights including transfer of property rights.

The Office also represents its clients before the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia and before the Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Committee for the Resolution of Disputes Relating to the Registration of National Internet Domains.

## **Protection of competition**

The phenomenon of competition is inextricably linked to the market itself. Therefore, the legality of business behavior on the market, in terms of compliance with respective competition regulations, is of the utmost business importance. Consequently, the necessity for adequate legal support in this delicate field seems to be indispensable for all market participants.

The Office provides full legal support regarding concentration permissibility on the market but also mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, licensing or distribution arrangements and other transactions that might trigger protection of competition issues. We deliver legal analyses and opinions regarding compliance of legal entities with the regulations on protection of competition, including risks analysis and breach of competition either through conclusion of restrictive agreements or dominant position abuse on the market.

The Office also represents clients before the Commission for Protection of Competition of the Republic of Serbia.

## **Labor Law**

Proper employment management has always represented an inseparable part of successful business. Therefore, legal assistance in this field is not only necessary for mere labor law compliance, but also for the efficient and successful business.

The Office provides wide range of legal services with particular focus on legal support to the employers. Such support predominantly includes drafting of documents either of individual nature such as labor contracts, service contracts, and respective decisions on rights and obligations of employees, or of general nature such as collective agreements within the employer organization, various employment regulations etc.

The Office represent clients before Employment Inspection and in all labor disputes before the courts of the Republic of Serbia.

## **White collar and cyber crime**

Undesirable but quite possible issues related to contemporary business activities are white collar and/or cyber-crime.

Our expertise primarily includes proactive legal support in terms of identifying risks and advising our clients towards legal course of doing business, in order to avoid consequences which might lead to criminal responsibility.

However, the Office represents clients in all phases of criminal proceedings related to criminal offences against commerce or against intellectual property rights. Our focus also encapsulates cyber-crime, which involves all actions where computers, computer systems, computer networks, computer data and their products, in material or electronic form, can be qualified as the object or instrument of the particular criminal act.

## **Energy Law**

The Office provides a full legal support to the clients in both the electricity and oil & gas sectors with regulatory matters and licensing procedures. Our lawyers have extensive experience in providing services in relation to generation, distribution, transmission and trade (wholesale and retail) with the energy. The Office developed multi-disciplinary approach providing legal services on real estate, tax, corporate and banking & finance advice in connection to the energy sector projects and investments. Apart to the Serbian energy market, the Office provides legal services on energy markets in Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

The Office represents its clients before the Serbian administrative and regulatory bodies such as Serbian Ministry of Energy, Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia (AERS), Serbian Transmission Operator (EMS) and Serbian Power Exchange (SEPEX).

## **Data protection**

Although business in today's society strives for faster flow of information and data, this phenomenon is inextricably linked with high risks. Misuse or inappropriate dealing with personal information might lead not only to heavy fines or injunctions, but also to criminal liability.

The Office provides full legal support on regulatory and legal compliance aspects in this field, applying multi-disciplinary approach through essential understanding of various industry sectors such as healthcare, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, telecommunications, information technology, publishing and media, consumer goods, banking and finance.

Our legal services encapsulate the analysis and preparation of company policies, drafting respective agreements and related company documents, and services including representation before Commissioner's Office for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection. The Office also provides legal advisory services regarding personal data processing or use by companies in their everyday business activities, as well as in dealing with personal database registration or database transfer within commercial transactions.

## **Medical Law**

Healthcare has always been a top priority issue in every modern society as well as being a field of particular economic interest and significance. Legal support in this fast-developing sector has become indispensable both for clinical research organizations, medical institutions and individuals.

The Office provides full range of legal services regarding commercial and regulatory aspects of clinical trials performed either with medicines or medical devices. The rights and responsibilities of medical institutions, professionals and patients, in the course of providing medical services, is also the field where Office's expertise is highly developed and recognized.

Obtaining respective wholesale licenses both for medicines and medical devices or other commercially related approvals, including representation before state bodies, notably the Medicines and Medical Devices Agency of the Republic of Serbia, is something that complements Office's expertise in this sector.

## **Dispute Resolution**

Despite the proper risk management and full compliance with respective regulations, either litigation or arbitration sometimes seem to be an inevitable manner for dispute resolution among companies. If such adverse situation occurs, our team provides full legal support in all stages of the respective proceedings, with the sole objective to achieve prompt and successful outcome of a dispute.

Our team members are skilled in the most complex litigation challenges such as damage compensation and debt collection cases, employment disputes, bankruptcy proceedings including both insolvency and reorganization, as well as real estate and construction related cases.

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Since 2007 Vuk provides legal advice to numerous domestic and foreign companies in relation to their regular business activities, projects and investments. His primary areas of expertise are commercial & corporate law, employment, real estate and dispute resolution. Vuk have also acted as legal advisor to commercial banks and international financial institutions in various financial projects in Serbia and Montenegro.

Vuk graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade, Serbia, and holds LL.M. degree in international business law from Faculty of Law in Maastricht, the Netherlands. In addition, Vuk studied international trade law within the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Vuk is the member of the Bar Association in Belgrade.

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Since 2007 Aleksa provides consultancy and legal services in the area of corporate law, law on protection of competition and highly regulated area of law. He represented domestic and foreign clients in the legal area of general corporate law, insurance law, media law, physical and technical security, telecommunications and medical law.

Aleksa graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Niš, Serbia and holds LL.M. degree from the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. In addition, Aleksa holds specialization degree from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy in the area of competition law and specialization degree from the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary in the area of WTO and EU law.

Aleksa is the active member of Association for medical law of Serbia and its vice president.

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Since 2012 Nikola provides legal services within corporate law field. His expertise includes protection of intellectual property rights, contractual law, dispute resolution as well as white collar and cyber-crime.

Nikola graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Kragujevac, Serbia. He holds LL.M. degree in International Law and International Relations from the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Serbia and LL.M. degree in Intellectual Property Law from the Faculty of Law, University of Turin, Italy.

Nikola improved his knowledge within the specialization programs offered by the World Intellectual Property Organization, Switzerland (WIPO), with the focus on Arbitration and Mediation Procedure under WIPO rules and Intellectual Property Management. He also enhanced his expertise in the Copyright Law field, under the auspices of Harvard Law School, United States of America.

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Since 2008, Ante provides legal and consulting services related to foundation of companies, their day to day business activities and also their further investments.

Ante has specialized in the area of corporate law and especially statutory law, property and labor law, intellectual property law, law on contracts and torts, media law, as well as in the legal area of insurance, gaming industry, physical and technical security, communal and food industry, car, fashion, hotel and oil industry.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law in Belgrade, at the UNION university, Serbia.

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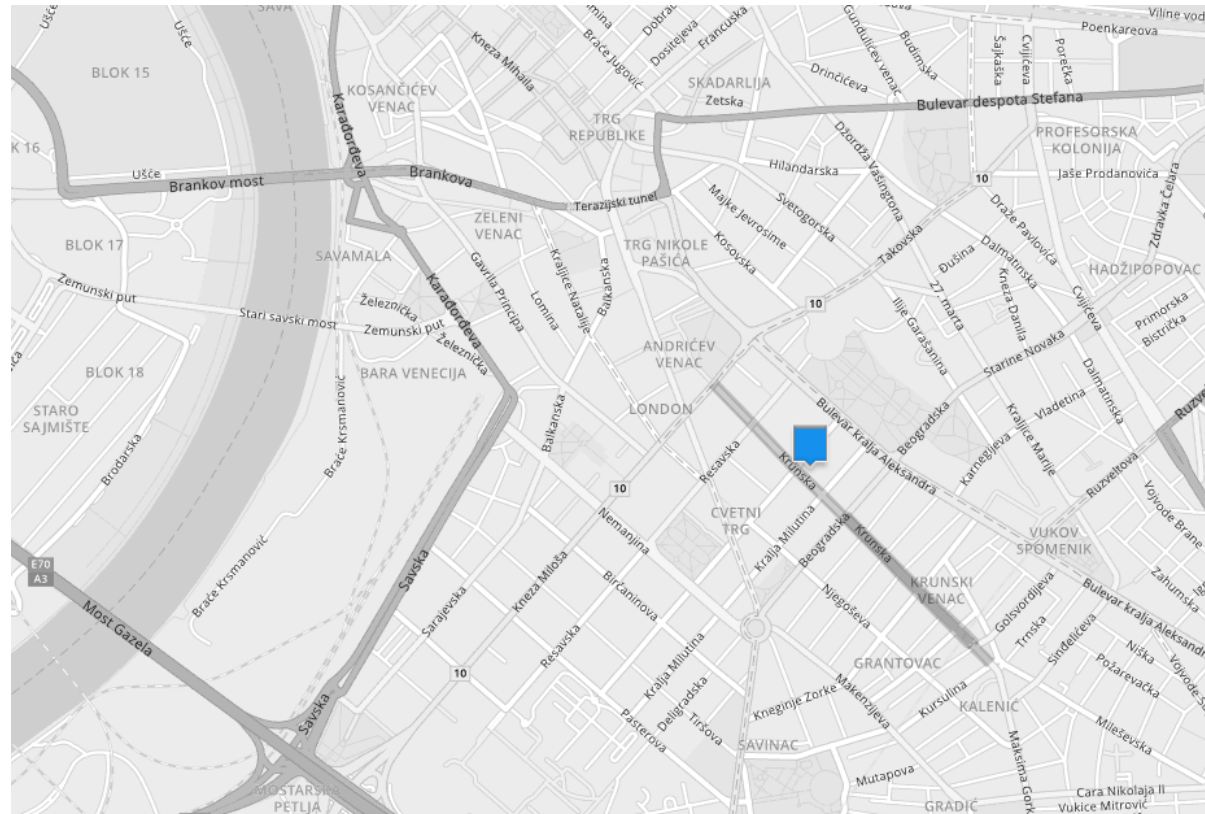
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