

ALLEN & OVERY

Bratislava



Bratislava office

Operating from a dedicated office in Bratislava, we are an established leader in the Slovak legal market and a practice of choice. We value the stable relationships we enjoy with our clients and aim to help achieve their business goals through the highest standards of legal services and advice.

Celebrating 20 years of excellence



1999

Established in



49

People



24

Lawyers



2

Partners



x6

International Law Firm of the Year in Slovakia (ePravo)



Band 1

In majority of categories (Chambers Europe, Legal 500 and IFLR1000)

Regional legal expertise

Our well-rounded team of lawyers advises on domestic and cross-border transactions across the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) region, combining our international experience with local expertise and knowledge of local market conditions and regulators.

We have offices in five key centres – Bratislava, Prague, Warsaw, Budapest and Bucharest. Our offices have close working ties and are fully integrated with our global network.

Strong international arbitration presence

We are the only international law firm in Slovakia with a dedicated team of lawyers focusing on dispute resolution. We have extensive experience in advising clients in complex litigation cases as well as in domestic and international arbitration in various sectors such as energy, telecommunications, banking, construction, retail and manufacturing. Our team includes two of Slovakia's leading arbitration practitioners.

English banking law practice

In response to an increasing demand from our clients for sophisticated English law advice in the areas of banking, projects, debt capital markets and restructuring, we have set-up an English banking law practice. Our team includes English qualified lawyers with vast experience advising on transactions in the South Eastern Europe and CEE.

Keeping pace with new technologies

The rise of new technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning and the dynamic development in the FinTech and RegTech industries are pushing the legal sector in new directions. Our lawyers frequently advise on projects involving innovative new technologies such as blockchain, cryptocurrencies, decentralised smart contracts, AI, robotics, smart technologies, autonomous vehicles, IoT, use of drones, mobility services, as well as impact of these technologies on fundamental rights, privacy and liability.

We will give you the edge...

Known for our international expertise and detailed knowledge of the local legal and business environment, we act for a wide range of Slovak and multinational clients and play a leading role in complex transactions. Our reputation in the country is built on the blend of global and local knowledge we offer, combined with high quality services and commitment.



BANKING & FINANCE



CAPITAL MARKETS



CORPORATE/M&A



DATA PROTECTION



DISPUTE RESOLUTION



EMPLOYMENT



**INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY**



REGULATORY



...because we have done it before!

Banking & Finance

SLOVENSKÉ ELEKTRÁRNE

on the extension and renegotiation of their loan portfolio of EUR2.9 billion.

ALL MAJOR SLOVAK BANKS

which includes VÚB, Tatra Banka, Slovenská sporiteľňa, UniCredit, ČSOB, KB, Prima banka, Poštová banka as well as ING Bank and Citibank on their transactions ranging from real estate/projects loans to acquisition finance to debt restructurings.

GLOBAL CO-ORDINATORS

on the leveraged acquisition financing of PPF Group's acquisition of the CEE/SEE business of Norwegian telecoms firm Telenor.

Capital Markets

CITIGROUP AND OTHER LEAD MANAGERS

on EUR315 million eurobond issuance of Západoslovenská energetika.

SLOVENSKÁ SPORITELŇA

as the issuer and the dealer on establishment of its EUR5bn debt securities issuance programme.

J&T IB AND CAPITAL MARKETS AND J&T BANKA

as the arranger and the lead manager on EUR150m bond issuances TMR III and TMR IV by Tatry mountain resorts, Slovakia's largest ski resort operator.

Corporate/M&A

AEGON

on its EUR155m disposal of insurance businesses in the Czech Republic and insurance and pension savings business in Slovakia to NN Group.

SLOVAK INVESTMENT HOLDING

on the first direct venture capital investment in GA Drilling, a company that develops highly innovative technologies for well drilling using so-called Plasmabit®.

ZÁPADOSLOVENSKÁ ENERGETIKA

on the acquisition of the largest combined heat and power plant in Slovakia Malženice from E.ON SE.

Data Protection

MICROSOFT SLOVAKIA

on data protection matters focused on cross-border transfers and on cloud computing contracts.

FOX NETWORKS GROUP

in relation to data protection aspects of FIFA World Cup accreditation webpage and data subjects' rights.

PAYPAL EUROPE

on various data protection issues during secondment to PayPal's in-house European data protection team.

“They really understand their clients, they are very practical and they take responsibility for what they say. They provide concrete answers with concrete analyses. I have never got a 50-page memo that was about nothing, they are always concise and commercially oriented.”

Chambers Europe 2018

Dispute Resolution

SLOVENSKÉ ELEKTRÁRNE

in international arbitration proceedings before the Vienna International Arbitration Center regarding a EUR588m claim against the Ministry of Economy and various state entities regarding the termination of the client's long-term management agreement for the Gabčíkovo Hydro Power Plant.

UNICREDIT BANK AUSTRIA AG AND ZAGREBAČKA BANKA DD

(UniCredit's Croatian subsidiary and Croatia's largest bank) in a major investment treaty claim at International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington D.C. against Croatia.

Employment

TATRA BANKA

on the employment law aspects regarding the transfer of employees related to the acquisition of a retail portfolio from Zuno.

NADÁCIA ZASTAVME KORUPCIU

(a foundation aimed at combating corruption) in a pro-bono case representing Mr Jozef Petráš, who was faced with a libel lawsuit for expressing doubts about the transparency of the election of the CEO of a local TV station in Martin.

FIRST DATA SLOVAKIA

on general employment law issues in its day-to-day business operations, including drafting template agreements for defined categories of employees, assistance with issues related to working time distribution, data protection issues, bonus schemes and employment terminations.

Intellectual Property

PANDORA

on several intellectual property issues regarding their jewellery products.

MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION

on the protection of copyright on the internet, measures to fight copyright piracy and dispute resolution (litigation) in the Central and Eastern Europe region.

BAYER

in a trademark infringement litigation concerning one of Bayer's most popular products in Slovakia and Czech Republic.

IONITY

the joint venture of the Volkswagen Group (represented by Porsche), BMW, Ford and Daimler on the setting up and operation of a Europe-wide network of ultra-fast high-power charging stations for electric vehicles along highways and motorways. Our advice covers corporate, regulatory, contract and intellectual property law. Because electromobility is a dynamic and fast evolving industry, this project showcases our approach to innovative legal issues and changing regulatory landscape.

Regulatory

BAE SYSTEMS

on multiple public procurement and defence procurement tenders, including Mobile Communication System MOKYS and 3D Air Defence Radars tender. We continue to advise BAE Systems on corporate law, contract drafting, review and negotiation, as well as on regulatory topics, such as public procurement, protection of classified information and military and defence regulation.

DE MICLÉN

the Slovak manufacturing plant of the GSK Group since its acquisition by GSK in 2013. de Miclén is one of the largest manufacturing plants of GSK in Europe, which produces toothpastes and other types of personal care products. We have been advising the client on a wide range of regulatory issues, particularly on cosmetic products, medical devices, export licenses and legalisation of documents.

Meeting the people who will work with you

Area of expertise

- Competition
- Compliance
- Corporate Governance
- Data Protection
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Energy
- Environmental
- Intellectual Property
- Life Sciences
- M&A
- Pro Bono
- Public Procurement
- Real Estate
- Regulatory
- Capital Markets
- Financing
- NPL
- Restructuring/Insolvency
- Regulatory

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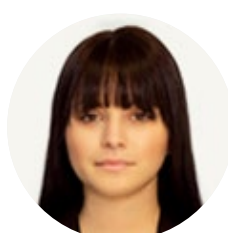
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