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▶ COELER LEGAL – A POWERFUL PARTNER

COELER LEGAL is one of the leading international law firms in Bulgaria with head office in Sofia and associated offices in all major cities of the country. The firm has been established in 1991 directly after the political change and since then been advisor to a large number of companies and investors from all EC countries and the US.

▶ We offer our clients an integrated approach to legal representation, combining the practices of business transactions and litigation within a single, full-service firm. COELER LEGAL is committed to delivering outstanding legal services so that our clients can achieve their commercial and

personal objectives. Our good reputation is based on our excellent team of lawyers, tax advisors and scientific staff. Many of our consultants have studied abroad or have been working in internationally operating companies.

We are connected to a reliable and experienced notary office. Correspondence can be done in english, german, french, russian and bulgarian. Additionally, we provide business services such as domiciliation of companies, secretary and mail service, interpreting and translation services.



► PHILOSOPHY

COELER LEGAL offers competent and efficient legal advice in all areas of Law following a practical and economical approach. In our view, no other element of quality is as important as integrity. It is the foundation of everything we do.

The firm delivers on its commitment to providing both personal and professional service by having a liaison partner tailor an appropriate solution, in consultation with the client, to each legal assignment. The liaison partner reports on progress and any issues or events that concern the client's business affairs or legal requirements.



In a field where formulaic answers are rare, we identify clients' needs and then focus on delivering practical legal results, together with our clients.

Our fees are usually based on the time spent on the case, depending on the experience and qualification of the consultant. For standard services such as company formations and registrations, drafting contracts and due diligence studies we may agree upon fixed fees or caps.

We are privileged to serve leading investors and corporations from many countries. We would welcome the opportunity to serve you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. Schmitz', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Frank Schmitz
Managing Partner

▶ SERVICES AND CLIENTS

As a full service law firm we have profound experience in all areas of the law. We aim to offer our clients efficient and focused advice. Being keenly attuned to client concerns, market conditions and the latest legal developments, COELER LEGAL has established teams that specialise in a variety of industries to provide effective representation to clients.

Whereas in the first years we had been acting mainly for banks and big state owned enterprises the firm has expanded its business and is now advisor to a large number of companies from all EC member states as well as the US and Asia.

We are specialised in negotiating joint ventures, commercial disputes and commercial and private property including REIT issues. COELER LEGAL has been involved in hundreds of real estate transactions in all parts of Bulgaria.

Another form of our activity is in the field of energy investments in particular renewable energies such as wind and water plants. Our specialised energy team is conducting legal due diligence studies and advises on all aspects of energy, construction and administrative law.



▶ INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Aviation industry
- Banking and Finance
- Chemical industry
- Construction industry
- Energy industry
- Franchising
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- IT services and E-Commerce
- Food and consumer goods industry
- Life Science
- Logistics
- Machine building industry
- Media and Entertainment
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Public private partnership
- Real Estate business & commercial property
- Renewable energy
- Retail trade
- Telecommunication
- Tourism
- Waste management & Recycling



▶ PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate and Company Law

- Formation of companies
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Due diligence
- Sale and Purchase Agreements
- Transformations of companies
- Shareholder agreements
- Corporate Finance

Commercial Law

- Antitrust and competition
- Agency & Distribution Agreements
- Concessions
- General Conditions of Sale
- Outsourcing
- Contract management
- Franchising
- Leasing

Real Estate Law

- Sale and Purchase of Real Estate
- Commercial and Private Property
- Real Estate Finance
- Construction Law
- REIT structuring and tax optimisation
- Servitudes

Insolvency

- Company Recovery
- Insolvency Proceedings
- Representation of Creditors
- Seizing of Assets

Intellectual Property

- Trademarks
- License Agreements
- Copyright Law

Competition and Public Tenders

- Unfair Competition
- Representation at the Bulgarian Commission of Competition
- Representation in Public Tender proceedings
- Appeal Proceedings

Employment Law

- Employment contracts
- Collective Agreements
- Management Contracts
- Transfer of undertakings and businesses



Construction Law

- Private Construction Law
- Public Construction and Planning Law
- Spatial Planning

Renewable Energy Law

- Project Planning
- Energy Law
- Concession Agreements with public owners
- Safeguarding of Real Estate

Financial Services

- Banking
- Concessions
- Representation before the Regulator's Office

Insurance Law

- Commercial insurance
- Reinsurance
- Licenses

Transport Law

- Aviation Law
- Road and Sea Transport
- Cargo claims
- Arrest of vessel

Tax Law

- National and international tax law
- Avoidance of Double Taxation
- Accounting

Resolution of Conflicts

- Litigation
- Arbitration
- Dispute Resolution
- Mediation

Back-Office

- Office Services
- Domiciliation of Companies
- Interpretation and Translation Services
- Associated Notary Public



▶ WORLDWIDE NETWORKING

COELER LEGAL is the Bulgarian representative of the COELER LEGAL & Tax International Group and member of one of the largest associations of independent law firms, WORLDLINK for Law. WORLDLINK comprises 58 law firms with 66 offices in 40 countries worldwide. This global network offers big opportunities for our clients and guarantees excellent legal advice in all relevant markets.



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