



HARRIS  KYRIAKIDES

We are a leading law firm based in Larnaca, Cyprus. What sets us apart is our ethos and commitment to excellence. We constantly challenge ourselves to maintain a high performance environment in order to successfully respond to our clients' diverse needs. We provide quality advice and legal expertise across the full range of commercial, finance and corporate law. We combine our legal expertise with strategic and commercial thinking, aiming for innovative solutions for any challenges our clients face.



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# Our promise

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Established in Larnaca in 1976, Harris Kyriakides LLC is locally the largest law firm and it provides comprehensive representation, transactional and dispute resolution support for local and international clients. We have accumulated extensive experience in successfully dealing with the complexities of litigation and transactions nationally, cross-border and cross-jurisdictions and across a wide variety of market sectors.

In order to meticulously cater for all of our clients' needs in the most efficient way, we operate on a departmental basis, covering nearly all aspects of legal practice. Our team consists of more than 40 driven and committed professionals, aiming to provide Harris Kyriakides LLC's clients with the quality advice they need to succeed, secure the best available representation and achieve the best possible result.

This is the promise we make to our clients; to provide them with excellent service and optimal results each and every time. Simultaneously, this is also a promise we make to ourselves; we remain committed to the highest standards and constantly challenge ourselves to maintain a high-performance environment in order to successfully respond to our clients' diverse needs.

One of our foremost goals is to provide our clients with access to global legal resources, in order to facilitate all needs related to cross border transactions. We are able to reach globally to find well-established local firms that will collaborate with us in implementing the strategy we have outlined for the specific needs of each of our clients.

Our international capability is enhanced by our alliance with the Eurojuris legal network as well as other leading law firms across Europe, the U.S. and Asia, co-operating to provide comprehensive legal advice on matters with international ramifications and to implement major cross-border projects and transactions.

We have a substantial transactional and corporate practice and we have consistently advised national and multinational corporations, financial institutions and governmental organisations. We maintain leading clients from several industries and business sectors, including banking, insurance, real estate, telecommunications, shipping, oil, construction, motor, tourism and leisure, advertising and other. We have extensive experience in litigation practice and dispute resolution.

Harris Kyriakides LLC has consistently been recognised for our dedication to our clients and success in the legal and business community. We are proud to be highly ranked in independent research on legal professionals and acknowledged in prestigious national and international directories and publications.



# Our approach



In our day-to-day work we draw upon the following set of values and principles that consist the underlying foundations of our approach. These values and principles ensure that the standards of excellence we have set are constantly adhered to.

## **Integrity**

We maintain high ethical and integrity standards and we have in place robust policies concerning conflict of interest provisions, due diligence procedures and disclosure requirements. We apply all necessary safeguards and controls to avoid any abuse of the attorney-client privilege and we adhere to the highest anti-corruption standards. We preserve at all times honesty, independent and unbiased professional judgment and fairness.

## **Confidentiality**

Only authorised individuals access any information and documentation provided to us. The affairs of present and former clients are fully protected and remain confidential.

## **Comprehensiveness and Effectiveness**

We offer comprehensive package of legal advice, taking into account all aspects, observing any change in laws and relevant regulations, contemplating all possible viewpoints and liaising and coordinating, if necessary, with different services and sectors.

## **Promptness**

We place extreme significance on timely response to our clients' needs and ensuring that our clients receive clear information at the time this is needed, even under the most demanding of circumstances.

## **Specialisation and Teamwork**

Our teams are designed to focus on our clients' needs and objectives while being in tune with the local legal, cultural and business environments. An interdepartmental and multidisciplinary approach is followed when needed, with experts from all our departments contributing to the success of meeting our client's needs.

## **Excellence in information technology**

We are consistently implementing cutting edge technology and we consistently pursue technical excellence in our chosen fields of practice.

## **Investment in knowledge**

We place a premium on lifelong learning and we encourage all members of our team to organise and participate in seminars and courses within and outside the firm. Moreover, we strongly believe in providing internship opportunities and we have successful collaborations with universities and law associations.



# Our expertise

For our full range of  
expertise please  
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We are proud to have  
a multidisciplinary team able  
to improvise detailed strategies  
to effectively address a problem  
and see through their successful  
implementation.

We strive for diligence and  
efficiency in all matters entrusted  
to us and we always seek to  
maintain high quality in any legal  
advice we provide.





## Admiralty & Shipping

As a member of the European Union and due to its location, Cyprus is an attractive shipping centre providing shipping companies with a number of privileges. With high quality services and high standards of safety in such a strategic area, Cyprus is among the top five countries and territories in the world with the largest number of third party ship-management companies in its territory.

We provide advice on a varied range of legal services in the shipping industry and the particulars of Cyprus maritime law.

Our team can guide you to take full advantage of the benefits of the Cyprus flag.

Our services involve the provision of legal advice and representation on agreements, litigation and arbitration proceedings concerning shipbuilding, sale and finance of ships, formation and maintenance of shipping companies and ship registration in Cyprus, as well as related matters such as charter-parties and insurance.

“Our team is able to understand a wide scope of transactional work relating to the shipping and the maritime industry and, more importantly, their interrelation with regulatory, corporate, financial, tax, legal and business issues”.





## Banking & Finance

Cyprus has had traditionally a well-developed and organised banking system. Recently, a remarkable determination and success has been demonstrated in returning to international markets with a stronger and fully recapitalised banking sector.

With stronger than ever financial institutions, it has received credit rating upgrades and the credibility of the Cyprus banking sector is fully restored. We deliver commercially focused advice to financial institutions and borrowers on a variety of corporate matters pertaining to Cyprus banking law and finance.

Our practice includes negotiation, documentation and execution of credit facilities, documentation and enforcement of security (mortgages and charges), indemnities and guarantees, factoring transactions, leasing transactions, hire-purchase transactions, inter-creditor agreements, international trade finance (letters of credit and other negotiable instruments), corporate refinancing and restructuring, project and construction finance and other.

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“We advise across the full spectrum of banking and finance matters, acting for all parties, from day-to-day banking and finance to complex, cross-border banking and finance transactions”.





## Commercial and Employment

We advise many of the island's leading and emerging companies, as well as financial institutions and investment funds on Cyprus commercial law and other transactional matters.

We represent local, offshore and overseas businesses ranging from start-up ventures to multinational companies. With significant experience in structuring transactions to address the complex economic/strategic goals of transaction and business venture participants, our commercial legal team focuses on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, shareholders agreements, company and partnership formations and maintenance, capital markets and securities, Cyprus company formation and general corporate representation.

Our practice also provides support for companies, corporate groups, enterprises, in-house legal teams and individuals in respect of commercial contracts and agreements covering all aspects of commercial transactions.

We have successfully handled major projects and business contracts for local, offshore and overseas companies across sectors and in a wide range of domestic and international commercial finance transactions.

“We offer a free initial consultation so that we will be able to tell you if you have a justifiable claim, how likely your case is to succeed and what the value of your claim may be”.



## Competition and State Aid Law

We provide advice and consultation on Cyprus and European competition policies, and we have successfully represented clients before the Cyprus Commission for the Protection of Competition ("CPC").

We maintain a strong antitrust practice offering a complete range of services regarding antitrust, competition, regulatory and trade issues, including merger clearances, joint ventures, licensing and distribution, restrictive practices, abuse of dominance, cartel investigations, concerted practices for enterprises, compliance programmes, state aid, liberalisation and privatisation.

We also represent clients in contentious proceedings, including civil claims for infringement of competition and state aid laws before national courts, proceedings initiated before the CPC, review proceedings against decisions of the Commission and prosecution of complaints against third parties for violations of competition and state aid laws.

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"Our clients are companies across the full spectrum of industrial, commercial and service sectors, financial institutions and governmental agencies and organisations".





## Corporate and Mergers and Acquisitions

With one of the lowest corporate tax rate in the European Union and double taxation agreements with many countries, Cyprus provides many advantages for international companies.

We assist clients in a broad range of critical transactions, covering all aspects of incorporation, formation of new business ventures, maintenance and administration of international and domestic companies and strategic alliances.

We represent our clients' interests in international transactional work and we often collaborate with law firms globally in cross-jurisdictional projects. Many of the world's leading companies and investment banks turn to us for advice on their high-value mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate restructuring and an assortment of Cyprus corporate services. We advise local and overseas companies on all aspects of buying and selling companies and businesses.

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“We combine transactional expertise and industry sector experience and we can support complicated and demanding international corporate transactions, offering high quality legal advice that adds value to our clients' needs”.





## Debt Recovery and Enforcement

We can assist you in all phases of collection proceedings and debt recovery in Cyprus. Our team handles commercial and retail debts on behalf of local and overseas clients who are owed money from natural and legal persons residing or having property within the territory of the Republic of Cyprus.

Our practice includes investigations on the financial status of the debtor, designing and enforcing effective methods of securing or freezing assets prior to litigation, commencement and trial of debt collection proceedings, bankruptcy proceedings, attachment proceedings, proceedings for invalidation of fraudulent dissipation of assets, as well as other matters relevant to debt collection in Cyprus.

Whether you choose to involve us from the beginning with the initial demand letter or you need assistance enforcing a judgment you have already obtained, our team acts promptly to recover the compensation you are owed.

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“Our team has an extremely high rate of success and you can rely on us to provide a comprehensive and pragmatic analysis of your case, as well as use every resource available to enforce your judgment”.

# FAMILY LAW

The areas of our expertise include pre-marital advice, post-marital dispute resolution and international child abduction. We offer premarital legal counseling to help our clients get fully informed about any questions they may have in relation to family law, including pre-marital property and tax planning, prenuptial agreements, etc.

Our team provides advice on the relevant procedures for performing a civil marriage in Cyprus. In case of a post marital dispute our experienced team of divorce lawyers can advise on all types of matrimonial law and family law disputes.

One of the major specialisations of our family law team is international child abduction and we are members of the Reunite International Child Abduction Centre specialised family lawyers network. We provide comprehensive and sound advice on prevention measures, process of filing and prosecuting a complaint and also on available defenses in case of a prosecution.

“We offer an intelligent, discreet and pragmatic approach, providing a highly specialised service tailored to meet the individual needs of our clients”.



## Foreign Investment

We have a wealth of experience in dealing with asset management in Cyprus and legal matters related to foreign investment. With foreign companies now having the opportunity of investing and establishing business in Cyprus on equal terms with local investors and take advantage of Cyprus double tax treaties, our team can provide sophisticated and informed advice on the full range of trade matters, including trade policy, legislation, compliance and enforcement, litigation, and administrative proceedings on several investment sectors.

The Oil and Gas sector is currently one of the most rapidly evolving investment sectors in Cyprus, with a number of global energy and oilfield services companies already operating on the island. As this is a ripe time for opportunities to invest in oil and gas related businesses, our energy law practice can cover all of our clients' needs and assist them in their investments.

“We handle each case in a multidisciplinary manner, combining our experience and knowledge”.

## Insurance

If you have had an accident or if you have suffered a personal injury, it is possible that you may be able to make a personal injury claim. With extensive experience in litigation, Cyprus personal injury and dispute resolution and a solid record of excellent results, we have successfully represented individuals and companies involved in all types of personal injuries and damages in all forms of accident in Cyprus.

You should also consider getting advice from a personal injury lawyer if you have suffered an injury as a result of medical malpractice, a defective product, nursing home abuse or an animal bite. Your personal injury lawyer can help you claiming compensation so that you can use the money towards medical expenses, lost salaries, pain and suffering, temporary or permanent disability and other injury-related expenses.

Our services also include malpractice defense and all types of related negligence claims defense.

“Our experience and expertise allows us to utilise significant resources to meet the challenges of insurance litigation in every context”.



## Intellectual Property

The protection of intellectual property rights is essential to the competitiveness of most organizations and it is a cornerstone in today's marketplace.

We have an established specialised Intellectual Property Law Centre (IPLC) providing legal services on all aspects of Intellectual Property law. This includes trade mark registration in Cyprus, as well as the maintenance and enforcement of all trade marks, trade names, patents, copyright and industrial designs associated with the organisations of our clients.

Realizing that the protection of intellectual property is now a global matter, we have developed a deep knowledge and understanding of domestic and international issues. We also advise our clients on Cyprus advertising law matters, related to the laws and rules which govern the advertising of products.

“The firm helps its clients to protect, develop and enforce their intellectual property rights”.



## Litigation and Arbitration

We maintain an international dispute resolution team and we regularly co-operate with international law firms and acclaimed litigators in large litigation and arbitration proceedings.

Our litigation and dispute resolution practice combines market leading efficiency, local knowledge of Cyprus procedures and regulations and a unique ability to work efficiently with international litigation lawyers across jurisdictions.

We act for a broad spectrum of clients, particularly those in the corporate and financial sectors.

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“We have a strong trial track record and expertise in a wide range of civil disputes and proceedings, international and domestic arbitrations, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution”.





## Property and Real Estate

Any investment in Cyprus properties requires professional advice on a variety of issues, in an effort to minimise risk, formulate a beneficial agreement and complete the acquisition or sale efficiently and successfully.

Our real estate practice is at the forefront of the increasingly sophisticated and fast changing real estate market. We provide innovative and comprehensive advice, dealing with all matters relating to Cyprus property. From pre-contract stages, we advise clients on the management and avoidance of construction claims and disputes.

We also routinely advise on sale agreements, legalities, due diligence, acquisition of property by non-EU citizens, property management for non-residents, tax and estate planning and administration, mortgaging and finance.

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“We provide practical, commercially oriented and specifically tailored solutions to each situation at hand”.



## Public Procurement

Our highly experienced team advises its clients on Cyprus public procurement matters). We take care of all legal issues related to tenders in Cyprus, including structuring the tender transaction and choosing the appropriate tendering procedure, preparing and advising on procurement documents and conducting the evaluation of tenders and managing the procurement process and contract award issues.

We also represent individuals and corporate bodies before the Tender Review Authority, Cyprus and the Cyprus Supreme Court in Public Procurement disputes. Our practice involves hierarchical and judicial recourses against the validity of tender awards made by public authorities and state organs in Cyprus, temporary measures and appellate procedures.

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“We are regularly called upon to advise on both contentious and non-contentious matters advising both private bidders and public authorities”.



Cyprus is a tax competitive jurisdiction with exciting tax planning potential for both EU and non-EU clients.

We provide legal advice on a comprehensive range of tax law issues and Cyprus tax laws. This includes advice on corporate structures that involve Cyprus entities. We advise on tax planning, investigations and disputes, and we also handle compliance matters on all taxes including capital gains tax, corporation tax, income tax, inheritance tax, national insurance contributions, stamp duty land tax and value added tax. Common solutions for corporate structures include the Cyprus holding company with foreign permanent establishment(s), the Cyprus holding companies for preserving or dealing with real property in Cyprus or abroad, Cyprus Investment Funds, Cyprus International Trusts, Cyprus Trading Companies, Cyprus Finance Companies, Cyprus Shipping Company and other.

“We aim to design efficient, cost effective, safe and profit-maximising domestic and international corporate structures”.

# Our investment in the future

Harris Kyriakides LLC has established internships and apprenticeship initiatives, aiming to identify, mentor and develop young people who aspire to a career within the legal profession. We believe in investing in knowledge and we feel strongly about assisting law students from various domestic and international universities to gain experience and observe the everyday working life of legal professionals, while building their confidence by contributing to real life projects and gaining recognition for their efforts. Our work experience schemes also provide law students with the opportunity to start developing their own professional networks and enhance their legal knowledge within the Cyprus civil justice system.

The internship schemes vary in length, ranging from a week to a calendar month and provide a taste of life as a lawyer in a leading Cyprus law firm. The participants have the opportunity to get involved in legal work, conduct legal research take part in training and Court appearances. These internship schemes also enable participants to decide whether or not a career in law is right for them, as well as learn more about us.

The internship is ideal for enthusiastic and motivated law students, who seek to experience a professional environment at a Cyprus law firm and be introduced in aspects of Cyprus law that run through their field of choice or expertise. As paid placements, these internships do not preclude anyone from participating due to financial circumstances.

Harris Kyriakides LLC collaborates annually with the Internship Office of the University of Oxford offering a summer internship programme for Oxford University law students. We also have a signed memorandum of cooperation with the Cyprus branch of the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) and a close collaboration with the New College of the Humanities (NCH) London.







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