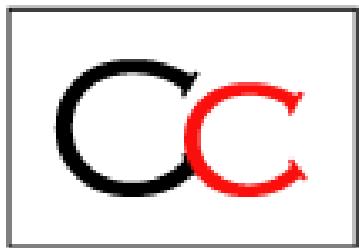


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# About us

The Firm was established in 2015 by Christos Christou, a Greek attorney with international experience in Europe and the MENA region, who after a career in some of the most prestigious law firms in Greece as an associate, senior associate and eventually partner, set up his own practice with a team of legal professionals who shared his vision to provide “value for money” legal services to sophisticated corporate clients with complex needs.

The firm specializes in Corporate and M&A, Banking and Finance, Commercial and Competition, Intellectual Property, Labour, Tax and Dispute Resolution.

Its clientele base engages primarily in Real Estate (Investment and Development), Construction and Projects, Retail and Fashion, Oil and Energy and Information Technology.

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Practices

# Real Estate (Investments and Development)

The Firm has established itself as a leading expert in Greece with regard to real estate work. Our team successfully represents clients (including banks, investors, developers, super market operators, fashion retailers, oil suppliers and public agencies) in dealings,

not only in this country but also in several other jurisdictions in South East Europe and the Middle East, related to the sale and purchase, development, long term lease and concession, property

and facility management of various types of real estate properties, including shopping malls, network of retail stores, restaurants and petrol stations, industrial and residential complexes and office buildings.



# Construction and Projects

Our team has an extensive experience in construction and development projects in Greece and overseas (South East Europe, CEE, Luxembourg and the UK, Jordan, Egypt), including shopping malls and major retail units, office buildings and hotels as well as major infrastructure such as ports, dams and renewable energy (windmills, photovoltaic and heliothermic) parks and project finance work, acting on behalf of the sponsors, the financiers and the constructors. Our work also includes submission of tenders and other front-end work, contract management as well as back-end work, including dispute resolution.





## Banking and Finance

The Firm regularly represents several domestic and international credit and financial institutions, including REITs and private equity funds and a leading US trustee bank as well as corporate borrowers in Greece and South East Europe, in work related to corporate finance, investment banking, including underwriting and IPOs, structured and project finance, retail finance (in the automobile sector). We have represented several investment brokers and investment managers as well as listed companies in Greece and overseas. The team is also very experienced in compliance work (KYC, AML, anti-bribery, FCPA etc.), acting for a major US Bank and multinational companies, as well as several offshore companies established in sensitive jurisdictions. Thanks to our deep understanding of their business, our work is not limited to providing typical legal advice to our clients but also allows us to contribute to their strategies and policies.

# Intellectual Property

Our information technology work includes drafting and negotiation of sophisticated copyright license and franchise agreements, software development and maintenance agreements acting for leading mobile technology companies, TV broadcasters and telephony providers, international software

solution providers, an “open source” international not-for-profit organization, advertising and agencies, major event organizers (such as the 2004 Olympic Games) as well as users of software and other IP protected work, including major retailers, pharmaceutical and FMCG companies, financial institutions, third

party logistic companies and public agencies. Our IP team also has a broad experience on registration and defending national, EU and international trademarks and has successfully represented our clients in complex trademark litigation before the Greek and European authorities and Courts for our clients.



## Labour and Tax



As we provide comprehensive services to our corporate clients, we have gained valuable experience in labour issues, including advice on TUPE rules, Health and Safety and industrial relations and our dispute resolution team is very experienced in labour disputes. Likewise, in order to ensure that we act as a "one-stop shop" for our clients we provide full services regarding tax and accounting issues and undertake taxation dispute work before the Greek courts.



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Our Team

# Christos Christou

## Managing Partner

### Practice Areas

Christos is the founder and managing partner of the practice. He has advised (on a regular and project basis) and represented in disputes, in Greece and several other jurisdictions in Europe and the MENA region, a number of Fortune 500 companies from various industries, including the banking, automobile, pharmaceutical, FCMG, TMT, advertising, hotels and restaurants, supermarkets and fashion retail sectors, as well as major international and domestic corporate clients, state agencies and not-for-profit organizations. Christos is experienced in Real estate (investment and development), Construction and Projects, Banking, Finance and Capital Markets, Oil and Energy, Corporate and M&A, Commercial and Competition, Intellectual Property, Tax and Dispute Resolution.

### Languages

Greek (native)  
English (excellent)  
French (very good)  
German, Spanish, Italian (working level)

### Admitted

Athens Bar 1997 (Supreme Court)

### Education

University of Athens, Faculty of Law (LL.B. 1994)  
University of Bristol, Faculty of Law (LL.M.,  
Commercial Law 1995)



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# Nikos Linaras

## Senior Associate

### Practice Areas

Nikos focuses on Real Estate, Construction and Projects, Corporate and M&A, Trademarks and Hotels & Leisure. He is equally experienced as an advisor and a litigator. Nikos has represented several foreign and domestic corporate clients before the Greek courts of all degrees and has also served as the legal counsel of listed companies, Greek subsidiaries of international conglomerates and municipal or other state authorities.

### Languages

Greek (native)  
English (very good)

### Admitted

Athens Bar 1999 (Supreme Court)

### Education

Democritus University of Thrace, Faculty of Law (LL.B., 1997)



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# Mina Delakou

Senior Associate

## Practice Areas

Mina is the co-ordinator of the Dispute Team and an experienced civil and commercial litigator. She specializes in Public Procurement and Data Protection and is a certified GDPR practitioner and an Accredited Mediator. She is also experienced in Real estate, Intellectual Property and Gaming.

## Languages

Greek (native)  
English (very good)

## Admitted

Athens Bar 2001 (Court of Appeals)

## Education

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# **Stella Chatzi**

## Associate

### Practice Areas

Stella is the Legal Manager of the Practice. She is experienced in civil and commercial disputes and in alternative dispute resolution and she is also licensed as an Accredited Mediator. She specializes in property as well as corporate and commercial law.

### Languages

Greek (native)  
English (excellent)  
German (working level).

### Admitted

Athens Bar 2014

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University of Athens, Faculty of Law.(LL.B., 2012)



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# Eleni Karakosta

Junior Associate

## Practice Areas

Eleni advises on corporate and commercial law and she is a member of the Dispute Team. She joined the Firm as a trainee lawyer and her support in several cases of complex litigation has already been invaluable.

## Languages

Greek (native)  
English (very good)  
German (working level)

## Admitted

Athens Bar 2019 (Court of First Instance)

## Education

University of Athens, Faculty of Law (LL.M. in Civil Law 2019)  
University of Athens, Faculty of Law (LL.B. 2017)



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# Michael Skouzes

## Trainee Associate

### Practice Areas

Michael is the most recent member of the Team. He specializes in Corporate and Commercial, Energy and Real Estate and Projects.

### Languages

Greek (native)  
English (very good)  
German (very good)

### Admitted

Patras Bar Association, Trainee Lawyer  
Society of International Economic Law

### Education

University of Thrace, Faculty of Law (LL.M. in International and European Energy 2021)  
University of Thrace, Faculty of Law (LL.B. 2020)



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# Nikos Christou

## Office Administrator

### Practice

Nikos is in charge of all the back office work of the Practice, including IT, finance, supplies and HR. He has gained valuable experience in a top tier law firm in Athens before he joined Christou & Partners and is an invaluable part of the team ever since.

### Languages

Greek (native)  
English (working level)



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# Thodoris Drymis

Of Counsel

## Practice Areas

Thodoris is an expert on criminal law and represents corporate and individual clients before criminal courts of all degrees. He regularly advises the clients of our Firm on white-collar criminal cases.

## Languages

Greek (native)  
English (very good)  
German (working level))

## Admitted

Athens Bar 1997 (Supreme Court)

## Education

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# Apostolos Kourentas

Of Counsel

## Practice Areas

Apostolos is an expert on labor law and a very experienced litigator of civil and labor cases. He is also an Accredited Mediator. Apostolos regularly advises and represents the clients of our Firm on advisory and contentious matters related to the clients' personnel, including health and safety, TUPE rules and industrial relations matters.

## Languages

Greek (native)  
English (excellent)  
French (working level)

## Admitted

Athens Bar 2002 (Supreme Court)

## Education

University of Athens, Faculty of Law (LL.B., 2000).  
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