



# Firm Profile

Global Presence  
**2023**

**PraeLegal**  
Uzbekistan



# PraelLegal<sup>'</sup> Uzbekistan

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

PraelLegal Uzbekistan highly appreciates the opportunity to present to you present Profile of the law firm, with full information on its acquaintance with the various practice areas of law and local and international legal experience.

We are pleased to offer legal services in various practice areas and act as an external legal consultant.

The scope of services we provide entails consulting in legal and business matters in various areas of law and jurisdictions, litigation, registering companies, drafting contracts and documents of a legal nature, developing internal and other legal documents, conducting legal due diligence, supporting transactions, analysing compliance with corporate procedures, participating in negotiations, in litigation. processes, alternative dispute resolution, and representing the interests of citizens and companies in government agencies, courts, as well as other institutions.



We will be happy to consult you with all of your questions and provide additional information at any time convenient for you.

*Sincerely,*

*PraelLegal Uzbekistan*

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# An International Law Firm with a Mission

1500 +

CASES

11

OFFICES WORLDWIDE

252

PARTNERS WORLDWIDE

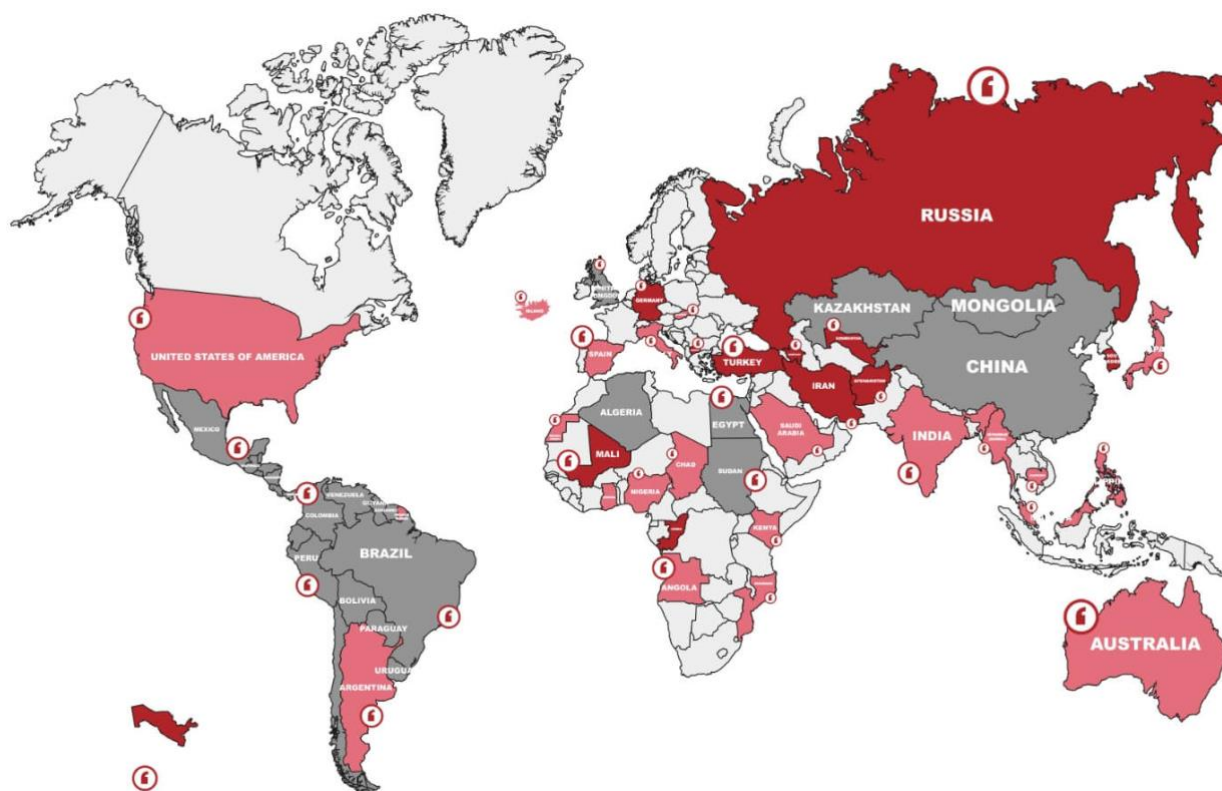
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## Global Reach

PraeLegal Uzbekistan is an international law firm and member of PraeLegal International. We function as a collection of independent offices; however, all of the firms' resources are equally available to each lawyer in a client's service. Through this approach, we ensure consistent outcomes and all clients receive the same high level of service everywhere in the world. We represent clients in all phases of international transactions and disputes, as well as before governmental and international agencies. PraeLegal International continues to expand our capabilities and

resources in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia & Oceania with the strategic addition of the industry's top legal talent to our teams - to keep pace with our clients' legal needs around the world. This approach includes a strategic alliance with leading local and international firms. PraeLegal Uzbekistan's cross-practice team serves clients across industries in Uzbekistan and broader Asia, as well as in global markets with interests in Uzbekistan, with their complex, market-specific transactional, regulatory and dispute needs.



Germany | Azerbaijan | D.R. of Congo | Iran | Macedonia | Mali | Russia | S. Korea | Turkey | Uzbekistan



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# Key Practice Areas

## Litigation

Trial skills matter — even in a world where few disputes ever see the inside of a courtroom. PraelLegal Uzbekistan has built a reputation as a trial lawyers' firm. From compliance counselling to mediation, settlement negotiation, motion practice, trial, and appeal, PraelLegal Uzbekistan offers a full-service litigation practice capable of meeting our clients' business and legal objectives, whatever they may be. Our litigators are some of the most seasoned in the industry, bringing extensive courtroom experience to every matter the firm handles. This experience helps us spot outcome-determinative legal issues early and enables us to prepare compelling arguments that support our clients' positions. What's more, our long history of taking cases to trial and winning gives our clients tremendous settlement leverage with their adversaries, as well as confidence in a successful outcome if and when they go to trial. PraelLegal Uzbekistan's litigation approaches every case with strategic focus, unrelenting advocacy, and intensive preparation, and also enjoys a team of more than 500 litigators on three continents. That is why some of the world's largest companies and financial institutions have asked us to represent them in their most difficult litigation matters. The firm's litigation prowess extends even beyond the courtroom.

## ADR and Mediation

PraelLegal Uzbekistan's world-class International Arbitration Practice assists clients with a large value, complex, and high-profile commercial and investment-based disputes in virtually every major arbitration centre. The team of PraelLegal Uzbekistan has significant experience in representing its Clients at the international level, in particular, before arbitration courts established in accordance with the rules of various arbitration institutions such as ICC (France), LCIA (UK), LCAM (UK), VIAC (Austria), BAIAC (Singapore) as well as experience in alternative forms of dispute resolution. This is what distinguishes our Firm from other law firms in Uzbekistan. Our team has successfully succeeded in both procedural and substantive matters of contracts in international arbitration proceedings. In addition, if the need arises, the team can offer its services in the peaceful resolution of disputes. Thanks to PraelLegal Uzbekistan's networked relationships, our Clients have access to lawyers from around the world with experience in dispute resolution when needed.

## Criminal Practice

PraelLegal Uzbekistan is at the cutting edge of white-collar and criminal defence cases, having been involved in many of significant cases over the past years. Our experience in this field is second to none. Covering: Criminal Defence and Police Investigations, White Collar and Financial Crime, Corporate Crime, Investigations, Financial Conduct Authority Advice, Proceeds of Crime and Money Laundering, International Crime and Extradition, Corporate Manslaughter and Health & Safety.

Our criminal lawyers are highly sophisticated and experienced. All of our lawyers have impressive careers working in various government organizations such General Prosecution Office and local Prosecutions offices, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and other executive bodies of the Republic of Uzbekistan. We are particularly well known for our skill in providing strategic advice and for our ability to keep high-profile cases out of the public eye.

## M&A and Due Diligence

PraelLegal Uzbekistan's corporate transactions group operates a robust national and international M&A practice. With a diverse practice, we represent purchasers and sellers, and couple deal experience with a focused legal project management process. This allows us to spend less time on process-related tasks and drafting, and more time focusing on the key issues for the deal. No matter the size of the deal, clients can count on having skilled lawyers lead the team and see the deal through. Our lawyers represent many of the world's most active companies in their M&A transactions, and we also work with closely held companies for whom an M&A transaction is not a frequent event. We invest the time to understand the client's specific objectives and priorities.

## Blockchain, Crypto and Cyber Law

Our Blockchain law professionals assist clients in understanding and adhering to the ever-changing regulations governing cryptocurrencies and blockchain technology. This includes compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) and know-your-customer (KYC) requirements, securities regulations, taxation, and data privacy laws. Handling disputes arising from blockchain transactions, including fraud, hacking, and contractual breaches, and resolving them through litigation or alternative dispute resolution methods.



## Banking & Finance

Banking is the cornerstone of each state's economy, and in its turn, a financial aspect is present in any transaction. Therefore, banking and finance law can be characterized as one of the most dynamically developing fields of modern law. Our law firm has rich experience in providing legal assistance to such banking institutions as JSC Bank Agrobank, JSC KDB Bank Uzbekistan, and JSC Kapitalbank as well.

Capital markets law, being a field of practice for lawyers who represent organizations issuing securities to raise capital, owners of securities seeking to sell their securities, or banks and investment banks that sign and sell such securities, require lawyers to work primarily with operations related to the issuance of debt or equity securities, either for the public or for a group of investors. Our dedicated lawyers in the capital markets conduct an examination of the issuer of securities, develop a prospectus and other disclosing documents describing the issuer and its securities for potential investors, discuss agreements between the issuer and its consultants and conduct transactions through regulatory barriers. We grant effective advice on disclosure, thanks to such opportunities provided by our international Law firm as effective advice on disclosure requires extensive experience working with issuers who have faced difficult disclosure issues, as well as the ability to contact lawyers in other areas of practice to help analyze client issues that require specialized knowledge.

## Insurance

PraeLegal Uzbekistan Insurance practice team is unique in its depth and breadth of experience. The team is composed of lawyers, who specialize in defined aspects of insurance coverage law and who have gained excellent nationwide recognition in those areas. As the industry in Uzbekistan continues to acclimatize to changes in its regulatory environment and cope with ongoing macroeconomic uncertainty, we provide our Clients with top-class legal and commercial advice.

## Intellectual Property

PraeLegal Uzbekistan's Intellectual Property Practice is one of the most active and highly regarded in the country. Our success has been driven by a simple strategy: attract the best trial lawyers and support them with strong technical lawyers.

Those teams get the best results. PraeLegal Uzbekistan's IP practice is unique in that regardless of the venue, discipline, technology, industry, client, or case, we have a strong story to tell and can offer first-chair trial attorneys who have the right mix of experience and credentials. Our lawyers understand that intellectual property litigation is a means of establishing a client's future competitive position rather than simply resolving a dispute that arises out of past conduct, and we have substantial experience providing assistance to clients who use intellectual property as part of their business strategy. However, what is most striking about our practice is that we are at the forefront of not just the high-tech, biotech, pharmaceutical, and new media industries, and not just patent litigation, copyright, trademark, and privacy and advertising law, but all of the above. Whether delivering million-dollar patent verdicts, paving new ground in cutting-edge copyright issues, or prevailing before the Courts, PraeLegal Uzbekistan's lawyers are dominating the landscape of intellectual property law.

## Real Estate & Construction

Today's dynamic real estate market calls for lawyers who bring a broad platform of skills and experience to the table. PraeLegal Uzbekistan's Real Estate & Construction Practice offers institutional knowledge across an extensive array of real estate transactions. Collaborating with our corporate, tax, environmental, and litigation practices, we assist purchasers, sellers, developers, borrowers, and lenders in the acquisition, financing, sale, restructuring, development, and leasing of commercial, industrial, and multi-family properties. Our client base includes major Uzbek and international corporations, financial institutions, real estate funds, real estate investment trusts, insurance companies, and other major real estate market participants

## Corporate Law

PraeLegal Uzbekistan, being one of the major international law firms, provides legal assistance and support for foreigners in establishing and operating legal entities in Uzbekistan. Our Corporate Department is involved in various corporate transactions, including, but not limited to reorganizations, mergers, acquisitions, joint venture disposals, etc. and has solid experience in related disputes settlements. Our team of corporate lawyers had many occasions to participate in the settlement of disputes between the parties of the established company, allowing our clients to apply the skills to avoid or anticipate all potential disputes. Hence, the client will not even need a lawyer to resolve the arisen dispute in court, since the documents drafted by our experts exclude all the possible conflicts.



## Partners | PraeLegal International



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We work with a wide range of organizations including corporate, industrial and financial entities. We spend a significant amount of time helping multi-national clients with their business operations and interests.

Sherzod Abdulkasimov is a regional partner of PraeLegal International. His total work experience as a lawyer and business consultant is over 15 years.

Sherzod Abdulkasimov's career in the field of jurisprudence began in 2003 at the Commercial Court of Tashkent, where he had the opportunity to gain extensive and valuable experience in procedural processes. Further, for more than five years he worked in the Department of legal expertise and legal support for entrepreneurs at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan, where he gained experience in the field of the legal protection of entrepreneurs and legislative drafting.

In 2008, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in collaboration with Sherzod Abdulkasimov, published the book *"State Inspection from A to Z"*, as he is an expert in all types of state inspections.

Today, Sherzod Abdulkasimov is a member of the advisory committee of PraeLegal International (since 2013), and recently he was appointed as a Supervising Partner for the development of PraeLegal in Mongolia and CIS states.

It is noteworthy to mention, he is an acting judge of the arbitration court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the city of Tashkent and a judge at the arbitration court of the Information and Consulting Center of the city of Tashkent.

He was awarded the badge *"O'zbekiston Belgisi"* in 2008.

### Expertise

- Public Law
- M&A
- Corporate Law
- Corporate Governance
- Foreign Direct Investment
- ADR and Mediation
- Due Diligence
- Real Estate
- Tax Law
- Customs
- Oil & Gas
- Renewable Energy
- Immigration



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Education:



Our litigation experience and reputation go beyond international borders and jurisdictions. We strive for success in every case no matter the difficulties and challenges that are put ahead of us.

Davranbek Ahmatov is a managing partner of PraeLegal Uzbekistan and a highly qualified litigation expert with experience of over 15 years.

He is one of the most sought-after lawyers in Uzbekistan, providing legal support and consulting to both international and local clients at all levels of litigation.

His impressive track of practical knowledge and experience is proven by countless litigation wins and settlements that he achieved over the years.

Previously, Davranbek Ahmatov was appointed as Acting Deputy Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan.

In addition, Davranbek Ahmatov was the Director of International Relations at the Institute for Monitoring Current Legislation under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for several years.

Alternative Dispute Resolution is another practice area of Davranbek. He also took part in the drafting of the current Arbitration Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Davranbek Ahmatov represents the interests of the clients on various issues and disputes, including the execution of contracts and agreements, and violation of contracts and agreements at the international level.

His significant practice and his business reputation and authority allow him to successfully represent clients, both international companies and individuals from countries such as Australia, China, Russia, Iran, Pakistan, India, Turkey, Poland and the UAE.

Davron Ahmatov is awarded the commemorative medal of “O‘zbekiston Konstitutsiyasining 30 yilligi” by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in 2022.

### Expertise

- Litigation
- M&A
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Foreign Direct Investment
- ADR and Mediation
- Due Diligence
- Real Estate
- Tax Law
- Customs
- Oil & Gas
- Renewable Energy
- Immigration





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“ At PraeLegal Uzbekistan, not only do we have the experience but also speak your language. We understand that the cost of legal disputes and complex transactions can be counted in more than dollars and we're committed to achieving positive legal solutions for you and your business. We operate in a straightforward, creative and cost-effective manner.

Irina Kim is a Founding Partner and an experienced lawyer at PraeLegal Uzbekistan. Since 2009, Irina Kim has been managing corporate clients from Uzbekistan and across the Globe, as an expert in Corporate Law, M&A and International Law.

She gained experience in corporate and international affairs, working at KDB Uzbekistan, as well as at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Irina Kim also has deep knowledge of the pharmaceutical law and industry in Uzbekistan and has extensive practical experience in this industry. She represents major pharmaceutical companies in the region.

As a leading legal expert in corporate affairs, Irina Kim has supervised several investment projects and the launch of industrial companies as an accompanying lawyer.

She has also successfully managed several IPOs, major mergers and acquisitions involving international corporations, as well as full legal support for these companies.

Also, she has tracked experience in legislative drafting.

Irina Kim speaks English, Russian and Uzbek fluently, which allows her to equally effectively represent the interests of the client and conduct business in several languages at the same time.

Irina Kim is recommended by Global Law Experts rating as a top “Corporate Lawyer” in Uzbekistan.

### Expertise

- Corporate Law
- M&A
- International Commercial Law
- Corporate Governance
- Foreign Direct Investment
- ADR and Mediation
- Due Diligence
- Real Estate
- Tax Law
- Customs
- Oil & Gas
- Renewable Energy
- Immigration



## Partners | PraeLegal Uzbekistan



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## Key People | PraeLegal Uzbekistan



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Languages:



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**Head ADR Practice**

Languages:



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**Counsel at Projects Department**

Languages:



SITORA SABIROVA  
**Supervisor of Cross-Border Disputes**

Languages:



BOBUR NAZMIDINOV  
**Lawyer at Corporate Department**

Languages:



TEMUR SAMAROV  
**International Projects & Blockchain and Crypto**

Languages:



JAHONGIR ISMATOV  
**Head of Corporate Department**

Languages:



XURSHID AZAMOV  
**Attorney at Law Criminal Department**

Languages:







## Our People | PraeLegal Uzbekistan



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MOHAMMAD

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**Supervisor of  
Criminal Law Practice**

Languages:



MALIKA KHAFIZOVA

**Lawyer at International  
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Languages:



ASRORBЕК TURGUNBAEV

**Lawyer at Banking &  
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Languages:



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**Attorney at Law**

Languages:



FAYZULLO MAMASALIEV

**Lawyer at Litigation  
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Languages:



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**Attorney at Law**

Languages:



NEMATILLA BOTIROV

**Attorney at Law**

Languages:





## About us

The history of the international law firm "PraeLegal Uzbekistan" dates back to 2017 when the firm was founded by leading lawyers, Davranbek Ahmatov and Irina Kim at the initiative of the Regional Partner of PraeLegal International Sherzod Abdulkasimov. The firm, founded by two partners, has become today a large team of over 30 lawyers and specialists.

In 2018, PraeLegal Uzbekistan Law Firm became the recipient of "*the Best Firm in the Field of Litigation Law in Uzbekistan of 2018*" nomination according to the 2018 Corporate Intl Magazine Global Awards.

Also, PraeLegal Uzbekistan has been among the top firms in Uzbekistan according to the Chambers and Partners publication.

**CHAMBERS**  
AND PARTNERS

IFLR1000

In 2019, PraeLegal Uzbekistan Law Firm was included in the international rating "IFLR 1000" as one of the leading firms in Uzbekistan, providing services in the corporate and banking sectors.

PraeLegal Uzbekistan Law won the nomination of "Best Firm in the Field of International Arbitration in Uzbekistan in 2019" according to the rating of the "2019 Corporate Intl Magazine Global Awards".

**CorporateINTL**



PraeLegal Uzbekistan is awarded top-tier law firm status by The Lawyers Global in 2020 and 2021 in Uzbekistan and Central Asia.

Due to the high quality of legal services provided and the conduct of various areas of activity, "PraeLegal Uzbekistan" has been recognized as a "Top Tier" law firm in Uzbekistan in 2022 among the international rating of the best law firms by "The Legal 500". Recently, PraeLegal Uzbekistan has been ranked as a "Leading Firm" according to "The Legal 500" in 2023.





# Partnerships

## AMCHAM UZBEKISTAN

PraeLegal Uzbekistan is a Member of AMCHAM Uzbekistan. Organized in 1997 by members of foreign business community residents in Uzbekistan, the AmCham Uzbekistan is a voluntary, independent association of businesspersons and entities that unites mostly foreign companies originating from the US, Europe and South Pacific Asia.



## UN UNCITRAL

The lawyers of PraeLegal Uzbekistan are regularly invited to the sessions of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the sessions of its working groups. Particularly, the 53rd Session of the Working Group V on Insolvency Law of UNCITRAL, which was held in New York in May 2018 was marked with the participation of lawyers from Uzbekistan for the first time. Uzbekistan was represented by PraeLegal Uzbekistan in this session of UNCITRAL.

## INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The lawyers of PraeLegal Uzbekistan are active participants in the International Chamber of Commerce events, webinars and conferences which provide our professionals with constant updates on International Business and Law. Moreover, PraeLegal had several successful cases in the International Court of Arbitration of ICC. Being the most prestigious Arbitration tribunal in the world, representing a case successfully in ICAICC is considered a milestone for any lawyer.



## LEGISLATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Since its founding years, Partners and lawyers of PraeLegal Uzbekistan are constantly invited to participate in the development of new legislative acts and update current laws in accordance with international norms. PraeLegal Uzbekistan lawyers have participated in more than 80 legislative acts adopted in Uzbekistan in diverse areas of entrepreneurial activity over the past few years. We are very proud to contribute to the development of Uzbekistan's legislative system.





# Who We Are

## OUR STRENGTH

We offer services of superb quality based on our accumulated extensive and profound knowledge and experience. We know how to proceed with our business, absorbing all best practices in the world as our own while respecting locally prevailing value systems.

## ATTENTION TO DETAILS

Our lawyers can pick up on small things in both written documents and when people are verbally communicating since allowing a small error to slip through can change the meaning of a contract, causing a lot of problems.

## CLIENT SERVICE

Honestly and responsibly serving a client is crucial to success in the client-focused legal industry. Our professionals master client development skills as well as customer service skills.

## THE EXPERIENCE TO WIN

We have experienced being both on the plaintiff's and defendant's sides in different cases so we have analyzed all sides of a legal issue.

## AN ENTREPRENEURIAL INSTINCT

Business models are changing and developing more towards improving the entrepreneurial side of law firms. Our lawyers are inquisitive and they always look out for new opportunities and chances to make business.

## TEAMWORK

Our lawyers master teamwork skills including collaborating with others to reach common goals, as well as coordinating and sharing information and knowledge, team up with co-counsel, experts, and vendors to deliver services.

## PRO BONO

PraeLegal Uzbekistan is among the few law firms that are trying to introduce the concept of Pro Bono among Uzbekistan's legal community. We also focus is on helping economically disadvantaged individuals and families in the communities where we live and work. We also provide legal services to non-profit and nongovernmental organizations whose mission is to serve vulnerable individuals and communities. Our lawyers use their time and skills to ensure access to justice for people who otherwise could not afford it.

We are working pro bono to promote the Rule of Law by strengthening civil society and building capacity and supporting Access to Justice. We also work to create and develop an environment that encourages and supports lawyers to provide legal services to the underprivileged and underserved in our country.

### Requirements to qualify for Pro Bono service:

- Low-income families with many children or families with lower-than-average economic income who are in a difficult situation;
- Families who lost their breadwinner, single mothers;
- Non-profit organizations engaged in charity, educational, or sports activities that bring public benefit to society;
- Ethnic minorities whose rights have been violated;
- Handicapped people or war veterans who are unable to pay for legal services;
- Orphaned children in need of legal protection.



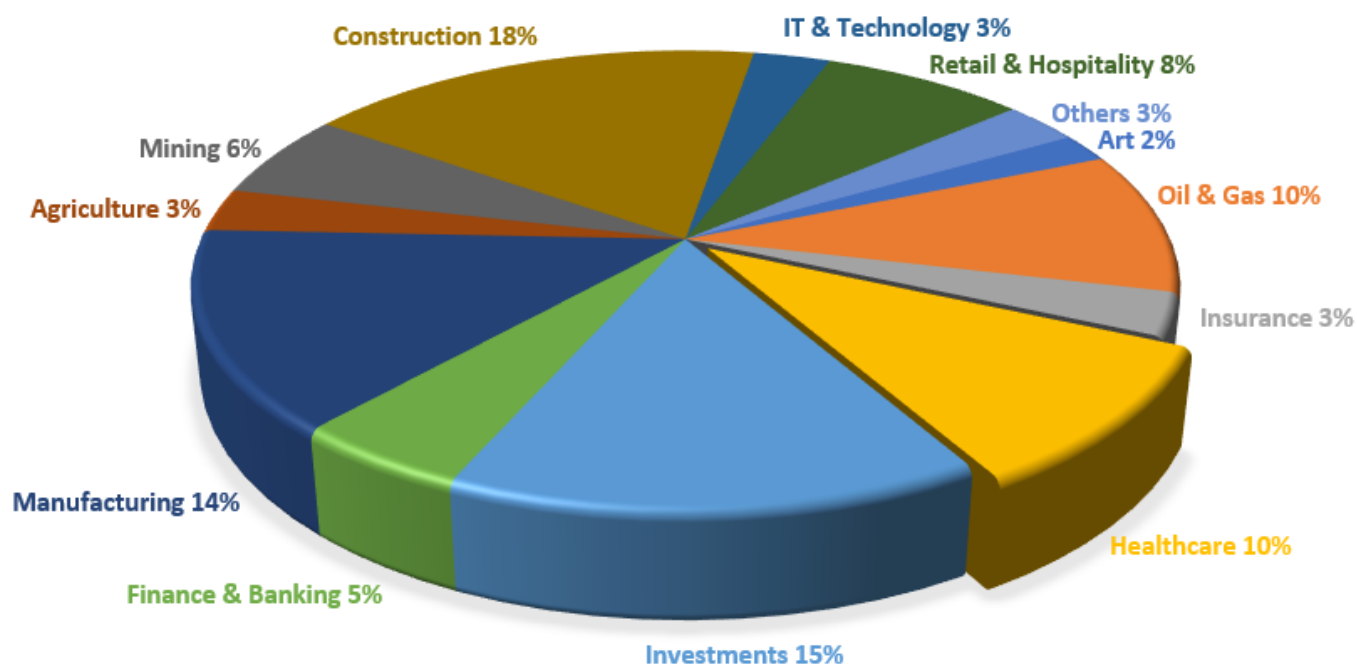
## Our Clients

PraeLegal Uzbekistan`s global network of legal service practices works alongside a wide range of clients from large multinationals and their branch offices to small local startups and non-profit organizations. In many instances, PraeLegal Uzbekistan also advised government agencies and authorities on key legal matters. Moreover, we are proud representatives of various individuals and families around the world, well-known artists and writers in International Disputes. Professionalism and Confidentiality is our priority when representing the interests of the clients.

### Our firm's regular clients include:

Corporations	Non-Profits
Government Agencies	Individual estates
Family businesses	Trusts and funds
Small businesses	Investors
Intergovernmental agencies	Multinationals
Individuals	Athletes

## INDUSTRIES OF CLIENTS





Our experts have been trusted by



European Bank  
for Reconstruction and Development



国家开发银行  
CHINA DEVELOPMENT BANK



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МЕЖДУНАРОДНАЯ АССОЦИАЦИЯ ИСЛАМСКОГО БИЗНЕСА



DIAMOND  
CASTLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMPANY



itfc  
International  
Islamic Trade  
Finance Corporation



THE BRITISH  
SCHOOL  
OF TASHKENT  
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL







## Recent Deals



### **Gas Supply Contract – Value 88,000,000.00 USD**

PraeLegal Uzbekistan has successfully finished another major project in the Oil & Gas industry. The expert team has completed due diligence project on a gas supply contract worth more than 88 million USD. In accordance with the requirements put by the client, the multidisciplinary due diligence and legal analysis team has been formed, including financial and technical experts (in addition to legal experts) in the shortest timeframe. The legal due diligence covered an investigation of the following areas: corporate, commercial contracts, employment, intellectual property, environmental, health and safety, regulatory compliance, competition, litigation, property and tax. The team has also provided a framework to enable an understanding of the jurisdiction in which the companies are operating as well as the contract is enforced. The contract was the first of its kind in Uzbekistan, involving the import of natural gas by a private company for the first time in accordance with recent reforms to legislations (Presidential Decree – 6155 from 03.07.2021) on de-monopolization of the energy sector.

### **Oil Project – Value over 80,000,000 USD annually**

PraeLegal Uzbekistan has been providing comprehensive legal support in concluding several oil import transactions in Uzbekistan. In this particular project, the firm represented the interests of a foreign oil company in Uzbekistan. As part of the project, our team of Oil & Gas, Corporate, Customs and Due Diligence Lawyers have managed the project from A to Z. The first-of-its-kind Supply Contract of crude oil in the amount of 73,300 barrels monthly was drafted and signed. As the project involved major corporations, comprehensive due diligence has been conducted as well as the collection and analysis of documents in the framework of the conclusion of a foreign trade contract for the supply of crude oil;

The team also provided constant legal advice on the unforeseen issues of concluding a foreign trade contract for the supply of crude oil, future risks, security, insurance as well as potential international dispute resolution.

### **Tashkent City Project – Value Confidential**

PraeLegal Uzbekistan supervised the market entrance of a major Development Company in Uzbekistan. The company has been involved in the biggest development in the country ever since.

The team has supervised and assisted in the agreement of the Development project which was adopted in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The series of contracts were adapted not just to the country's ever-changing construction legislations but involved the requirements of the development company and project owners. The development company is one of the first foreign companies in Uzbekistan to provide state-of-the-art development services in accordance with the latest practices in the industry.



## Recent Projects



### Project: Airline

Among the legal services provided, PraeLegal Uzbekistan represented the interests of Uzbekistan Airways on drafting the contracts for purchasing the numerous passenger aircrafts. It is worth to note that the process of purchasing the aircraft is more challenging than purchasing the other types of machines, so that is the transaction. As the aircrafts were purchased from foreign companies, it was necessary to examine, among others, the legislation of that countries and the warranties available in case of any defects. Moreover, while drafting the contract, it was also necessary to bring this contract into compliance with both domestic laws and the Convention on International Civil Aviation. In addition, as Uzbekistan Airways, the buyer, is a state-owned company, it was necessary to comply with all state procedures for the purchase of aircraft in accordance with the Public Procurement Law of Uzbekistan. PraeLegal Uzbekistan provided comprehensive legal assistance in purchasing passenger aeroplanes from the initial negotiations with the buyers till the signing of the contract. It should be highlighted that PraeLegal Uzbekistan has won the tender announced for the provision of legal assistance to Uzbekistan Airways for the next year (2022-2023).

### Project: Highway

Consulting a contractor in a project funded by the Asian Development Bank for the construction of a highway on a turnkey basis.

Transaction amount: USD 76,000,000.

### Project: ICC (France)

Successfully represented a large European construction company in the International Arbitration Court in Paris in a dispute over the illegal termination of an agreement for the construction of highways in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Amount in dispute: EUR 20,000,000.

### Project: Chemical Plant

Conducting negotiations on behalf of Russian investors with the founders of a large plant for the production of chemical products for its acquisition. Conducting detailed legal due diligence to identify legal, commercial and other risks for investors. Assistance in the opening of an investor representative office and the implementation of the subsequent acquisition of a chemical plant.

Transaction amount: USD 13,995,000.

### Project: Telecommunications Investment

Structuring of the investment project and legal support of the project on investment in the Republic of Uzbekistan in the field of construction of telecommunications facilities and the inclusion of the project in the investment programs of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Project amount: USD 10,000,000.



### **Project: Pharma Due Diligence**

Conducting legal due diligence on the acquisition of a pharmaceutical plant in the interests of Arab investors in order to determine the legal and other risks for the conclusion of this transaction.

Transaction amount: USD 8,000,000.

## **Recent Projects**



### **Project: Insurance Dispute**

Representing an insurance company against a large pharmaceutical company in a dispute over compensation payments.

Amount in dispute: USD 2,545,000.

### **Project: Litigation China**

Protecting the interests of an Uzbek company in the Civil Court of Hangzhou Province, Shanghai (PRC) against a Chinese supplier of technological equipment in a case of violation of contractual obligations.

Amount in dispute: USD 1,270,000.

### **Project: Estates**

Legal support in the transaction for the acquisition of real estate in Uzbekistan within the framework of an investment project. Conducting a thorough examination, checking the legality of the acquisition, and ultimately bringing the transaction to a successful conclusion within a short period of time.

Transaction amount: USD 1,200,000.

### **Project: IP Poland**

Representation and protection of the Client's interests in relation to a Polish company in a court case in the field of intellectual property. After a successful defence, the Client was able to continue production, thus developing a medium-sized business in Uzbekistan, which also helped to save jobs at the plant.

Amount in dispute: Confidential.

### **Project: Patent USA**

An American company has filed a lawsuit against a Client, the owner of one of the leading pharmaceutical companies in Uzbekistan. The essence of the dispute lies in the similarity of the patented formula of the drug produced by the American company to the Client's drug. Proof that the claim had no evidential basis and no similarity was found in the claims. Thus, the fact of the violation was not found.

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## Time Management



The Law Firm monitors the work of the staff and records their working hours using a time-tracking application.

This application lists all the tasks that can easily and clearly be observed and checked as well as monitors the time spent on each project. The application is configured for real-time time tracking, as opposed to the usual "guessing" the number of hours devoted to each task.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

As soon as work begins on a specific project, the function of the time tracker turns on and turns off upon completion. In the meantime, the application monitors all actions and also takes screenshots at unexpected intervals.

Upon completion of the workflow, the program provides a report for tracking how many hours/minutes were spent ineffectively and what software/services were used at these moments.



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