**PRACTICE AREAS**

**CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW**

B. LAZIC & CO LLC has a proven track record of success in advising and representing local and international entrepreneurs and corporations in corporate and commercial law matters in Cyprus and abroad.

We have advised and represented clients on a broad range of corporate law matters including but not limited to insolvency, mergers & acquisitions, corporate financing, corporate restructuring,  migration of companies, joint ventures, breach of fiduciary duties and corporate governance matters.

Our local and international clients include companies in industries ranging from construction, financial services, banking, mining, media, energy, real estate and manufacturing.

We understand our client’s business and needs. We are critical thinkers and always anticipate the unexpected to provide our clients with the best legal solutions furnished with necessary legal safeguards to help them achieve their goals and protect their business.

**Corporate & Commercial Law - Sub Categories**

**Mergers & Acquisitions**

Any corporate transaction, whether it is small or big, is often a stressful process that requires a keen eye for detail, a high grade of legal expertise, and an in-depth understanding of the corporate dynamics and business rationale.

Combined with our transactional expertise, one of our real competitive advantages is that we work with an extensive network of local and international associates which allows us to provide all-inclusive, independent and prompt services globally.

We advised and represented our clients on;

* Acquisition and sale of companies;
* Preparing and reviewing of shareholder agreements and commercial contracts;
* Cross-border mergers and acquisitions;
* Management buy-outs;
* Corporate financing;
* Deal structuring;
* Legal and tax due diligence;
* Corporate governance;
* Corporate restructuring and reorganisation;
* Migration of companies in and out of Cyprus.

**Banking and Finance**

Acting for both international credit institutions and private parties, corporate and private creditors and debtors, our expertise was sought from negotiating a simple loan agreement to complex bank to bank facility arrangements, repo transactions, and disputes, involving among other things, miscalculations of interest rates by banks and others.

**Insolvency & Recovery**

Our expertise in cross-border restructurings and insolvencies covers advice on corporate restructuring and reorganisation, debt restructuring and negotiation, sale of distressed assets and formal insolvency proceedings.

We work closely with shareholders on corporate reorganisation, debt restructuring, capital injections, and disposals to bring back the business to a healthy stage.

However, where a successful turnaround is not possible, we initiate the formal insolvency process where we work with insolvency practitioners, creditors and investors to help our clients achieve the best outcome from a formal insolvency process involving voluntary or compulsory liquidation.

**Tax**

We assist clients in their compliance with local tax legislation and represent them in disputes (in and out of court) with the Tax Department (indirect and direct taxation) and the Social Insurance Services.

**LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Combined with our rich expertise in corporate and commercial law, B. LAZIC & CO LLC represent both local and international parties at any stage of dispute resolution, often involving multi-jurisdictional elements.

If it is in our clients’ interests, we try to avoid lengthy court proceedings and pursue to settle disputes, using our sound commercial judgement, through intelligent negotiation. Our pragmatic and result driven approach to the disputes made us experts at resolving deadlocks.

Our clients include both domestic and international corporations and individuals, international law firms, fiduciaries, family offices, high net worth individuals, financial institutions, and more.

**Litigation & Dispute Resolution - Sub Categories**

**Corporate & Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

Whether you are in the risk of facing insolvency or have been involved in a complex shareholder dispute, our corporate and commercial law practitioners are fully equipped to provide you with bespoke advice and in and out of court representation.

We have a proven track record of providing advice and representation including but not limited to, commercial fraud, director’s liability (breach of fiduciary duties), rights of minority shareholders, insolvency, liquidation of companies and contractual disputes.

**Civil Fraud**

Our specialisation in (corporate) transactional work and our sound “commercial judgement” assist us in identifying (financial) wrongdoing by a counterparty. In case you or your business have been the victim of fraud or there is a claim against you, our advocates have been involved in national and cross – border litigation that includes elements of fraud, deceit and misrepresentation.

**Injunctive Relief**

Our advocates with their skilful drafting skills have the experience in obtaining, among other things, freezing orders, search orders and disclosure orders as well as defending against such orders or reversing such orders. We apply for interlucotory injuctions in a large number of disputes we undertake where we form the opinion that it would be in our client’s best interest.

**Enforcement of Foreign Judgements**

Whether relying on bilateral treaties between states, EU regulations or the common law, our advocates are instructed regularly to assist with the enforcement of foreign judgements and/or orders in Cyprus. Our cross-jurisdictional transactional and litigation experience, as well as our multilingual skills provide us with the necessary tools in applying for registration of foreign judgements and subsequent interim orders.

**Sports Law**

We have represented professional sportspersons (athletes) from a wide range of sports including football, basketball and volleyball before arbitration procedures and courts. Cases have included breaches of agreements with sports clubs, sponsorships and violation of licensing rights.

**Personal Injury and Negligence**

If you believe that someone else is liable for your injury or you have been accused of causing an injury to another, we possess the necessary experience and expert knowledge required to represent both claimants and defendants in personal injury and (clinical) negligence cases.

Our experience also entails representing claimants against insurance companies for the failure of insurance companies to cover agreed costs and damages and defending insurance companies against such claims.

**Consumer Law**

We have been instructed, predominantly by consumers, in disputes, both in and out of court, relating to sale and supply of goods and services and product liability (breach of warranty).

**Property Disputes**

We have acted for buyers, sellers and parties with an interest (right) vested in a property in cases involving misrepresentation, rights of way, breach of warranty and other contractual breaches.

**Family Law**

Representing predominantly private clients, our advocates have a combined wealth of experience in divorce and inheritance cases, domestic violence and child law (including the abduction of minors) before the Courts of the Republic of Cyprus. We have cooperated with several international law firms particularly in cases involving abductions of children and cross border divorce disputes where the parties and/or assets are located in more than one country.

**PROPERTY – REAL ESTATE LAW**

A thorough legal assessment, sound legal advice and representation are a prerequisite for the acquisition or sale of a principal residence, holiday home or commercial property. Managing the entire process from start to finish our property law team is skilled and experienced in cases involving acquisition and sale of real estate, leasing arrangement/agreements, easements, third party rights over properties and restrictive covenants.

**IMMIGRATION LAW**

Relocating an office, setting up a branch or merely moving to a different country requires immigration law experts. We have undertaken a plethora of immigration related work whether incidentally connected to our clients’ daily business or as separate cases.

**LAZIC & CO CORPORATE AND WEALTH**

We treat your business with the same care as if it were our business. Our relationship with clients relies on trust. Everyone's business and personal affairs are unique and for this purpose we assist in the creation of tailor-made structures that suit a client's individual needs.

Among other services we assist in the creation of specific purpose vehicles (companies and other legal entities), in Cyprus and abroad and provide through associate firms management services. Personal office services are also provided.

Estate planning requires thorough legal advice from specialist practitioners, in some cases, in more than one jurisdiction. Our personalised solutions, among other things, range from the simple preparation of wills to the creation of a wide range of trusts, the provisions of professional trustee services and other ancillary services.

**TRUSTS & ESTATE**

B. LAZIC & CO LLC provides advice to companies and high net worth individuals covering all aspects of trust law including the formation of trusts, liabilities and duties of trustees, rights of beneficiaries and settlors and restructuring of trusts.