



Chambers Europe 2014 awards: Boga & Associates Top Ranked in 6 practice areas

Chambers Europe Guide 2014 (Chambers & Partners – the research-based guide to the legal profession) for the 8th consecutive year recognizes Boga & Associates as one of the Leading Firms within its core practice in Albania and Kosovo.

In the **Corporate and Commercial** practice area, Boga & Associates is known for maintaining its market-leading reputation and for having a substantial roster of clients. The guide says that the firm advises on the full spectrum of corporate and commercial issues, including venture capital transactions, M&A, restructuring and tax mandates. What clients say about the firm: *“Excellent responsiveness and availability; whenever I needed the team, it was available”*. Managing Partner, Genc Boga, is described as an experienced practitioner, who is praised by sources for *“his ability to oversee and co-ordinate complex matters”*. Alketa Uruçi is hailed as a *“knowledgeable and service-oriented lawyer”* who typically provides *“calm and to-the-point advice.”* In a recent work highlight, she advised Devoll Hydropower on the VAT aspects of its hydropower project.

In the **Projects** practice area, Boga & Associates has an exceptional team strongly reputed for acting for foreign investors on energy projects, particularly skilled in renewable energy, such as hydro and wind power, and handles infrastructure mandates. The firm advises both borrowers and lenders. Alketa Uruçi’s multidisciplinary approach to projects is well appreciated by clients. They say: *“She is very good and very experienced, which means that she has the ability to deal with complex situations”*.

In the **Dispute Resolution** practice area, Boga & Associates is renowned for its strength in tax litigation and advises clients from the banking, telecoms, energy, real estate and consumer goods industries. Gerhard Velaj is described as a notable practitioner, who is widely recognized as an active figure in the market.

In the **Intellectual Property** practice area, Boga & Associates is known for a market leading reputation for assisting clients with a wide variety of IP matters. Key activity includes IP disputes before the trade mark office and Albanian courts, as well as advising government authorities on developing innovative strategies and also highly active across consumer goods, media and fashion. Renata Leka is highly regarded for her work in the sector and frequently represents international clients in trade mark infringement cases.

In the **Real Estate** practice area, Boga & Associates continues to take a prominent role in some of the market’s most complex and challenging deals. The team works in close co-operation with colleagues in the litigation department to provide clients with a fully integrated service earning

market recognition for assisting clients with infrastructure-related mandates. Clients say: “*It is one of the most active firms in the market*”. Sokol Elmazaj is the main contact for clients.

In the General Business Law practice area for Kosovo, Boga & Associates is said that draws heavily upon the firm’s Albanian office, assisting both international and domestic companies with investments, acquisitions and restructurings. The guide says that the firm works closely with clients from the financial service sector. Sokol Elmazaj, a notable practitioner, is qualified in Albania and Kosovo, as well as being an arbitrator under American Chamber of Commerce of Kosovo. His expertise extends to privatisations, PPP and M&A.

BOGA & ASSOCIATES AT A GLANCE

Boga & Associates, established in 1994, has emerged as one of the premier law firms in Albania, earning a reputation for providing the highest quality of legal, tax and accounting services to its clients. The firm also operates in Kosovo (Pristina) offering full range of services. Until May 2007, the Boga & Associates was a member firm of KPMG International and the Senior Partner/Managing Partner, Mr. Genc Boga was also Managing Partner of KPMG Albania.

The firm’s particularity is linked to the multidisciplinary services it provides to its clients. Apart of the wide consolidated legal practice, the firm offers also a significant expertise in tax and accounting services with a keen sensitivity to the rapid changes in the Albanian and Kosovo business environment.

The firm is praised by clients and peers as a “law firm with high-calibre expertise” and is distinguished “among the elite in Albania” and as “accessible, responsive and wise”.

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