



Chambers Europe 2015 awards: Boga & Associates Top Ranked in 6 practice areas

Chambers Europe Guide 2015 (Chambers & Partners – the research-based guide to the legal profession) for the 9th 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 retains a significant presence in the Albanian corporate market. The guide says that the firm offers broad expertise covering areas such as banking and project finance, venture capital transactions, M&A, restructuring and asset finance. Managing Partner, Genc Boga, is described as an experienced figure, who has knowledge of banking and capital markets transactions, project finance, employment and restructuring. He is a highly experienced figure, particularly on international cases. Alketa Uruçi is a tax law expert who advises on the tax aspects of many commercial transactions, especially in the real estate and construction sector. Her broader practice includes energy, competition and public law matters.

In the **Projects** practice area, Boga & Associates provides high-quality advice on a large number of projects for significant national and international clients. The guide says that the firm is regularly engaged on energy, oil and gas, telecoms and water supply mandates. Genc Boga is regarded as a widely recognised figure in the market, with a wealth of experience in projects and project financing. Alketa Uruçi brings a broad range of expertise to the projects team, with a notable focus on the tax aspects of projects. She recently advised the Green for Growth Fund on the financing of a significant hydropower project.

In the **Dispute Resolution** practice area, Boga & Associates is renowned for providing knowledge of disputes arising from a range of issues, such as contractual breaches, credit defaults and tax issues, and advises clients across industries including telecoms, construction, energy and financial services. Gerhard Velaj is described as a prominent contentious lawyer, who has acted on several litigation and ADR cases of late, concerning a range of industries and business issues.

In the **Intellectual Property** practice area, Boga & Associates is known to covers a broad range of IP matters, including branding and trade marks, software, domain names, copyright and unfair competition. The firm is well versed in contentious IP cases, and strong on matters involving multinational clients. Renata Leka is widely recognised for her broad IP activity. She is frequently engaged to represent international clients such as Caterpillar and Viacom in cross-border matters.

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In the **Real Estate** practice area, Boga & Associates remains a significant player in the Albanian real estate market, acting on a range of property mandates on behalf of major domestic investors, supported by the firm's litigation department on disputes over title and land ownership. Managing partner Genc Boga is the primary real estate contact at the firm.

In the General Business Law practice area for Kosovo, Boga & Associates is said to have a growing presence in the Kosovo market, acting alongside the firm's Albanian office to offer a wide-ranging service, particularly to international clients. Experience includes venture capital transactions, financial restructuring, energy project finance and joint ventures. Clients say: *"Efficient and responsive - the team's experience of working with international clients is clear."* Sokol Elmazaj, a notable practitioner, has a broad range of expertise, covering finance, real estate, energy, litigation and competition law, with notable experience of advising international investors on their interests in Kosovo. He is admitted to practise law in Kosovo and Albania.

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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