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” Described as 'analytical, practical and incredibly thorough', counsel Andrejs Lielkalns lends his rightfully exalted reputation to clients, who say that they 'always feel safe in his hands because he minimises any potential risks'. Sources also highlight his creativity and ability to simplify complex problems.

CHAMBERS EUROPE, BANKING AND FINANCE



Andrejs Lielkalns is one of the best know Latvian experts in the area of Banking & Finance and Capital Markets. He counts amongst his clients many local and international financial institutions, governmental institutions and companies. Andrejs experience includes advising on Latvian and EU regulatory matters, sale and purchase of banks, other financial institutions and financial institution assets, stock exchange listings (de-listings), financial services, financial transactions, derivatives transactions, payment services, payment cards and e-money matters, credit institution insolvency, EU Structural funds, cross-border finance and lending, as well as on numerous project finance, alternative financing, restructuring and refinancing arrangements.

Practice areas

Asset & Project Financing
Blockchain Task Force
Capital Markets
Commercial Law
Corporate Governance
Financial Services Regulatory
Funds
Insurance
Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A)
Privatisation
Start-ups
Tax Structuring

Recognitions

Banking & Finance - Band 1, Chambers Europe 2019
Banking & Finance - Leading individual, Legal 500 2019
Financial and corporate - Highly regarded, IFLR 1000 2019

Career

Intern, Trenite van Doorne, Rotterdam, the Netherlands (1995)

Education & membership

LL.M., University of Michigan, Michigan, USA (1997)

LL.M. with distinction, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam School of International Relations, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (1996)

LL.B., University of Latvia, Faculty of Law (1994)

Latvian Bar Association (since 1998)

International Association of Young Lawyers (AIYA)

Deals & cases

COBALT advises BaltCap on selling Fitek

COBALT advised Luminor on cross-border merger

COBALT advised Luminor on EUR 1 billion majority stake acquisition by Blackstone

COBALT advised Luminor on obtaining ECB approval for cross-border merger in the Baltics

COBALT advised Kartesia on its investment in Groglass®

Legal tax advice to Deutsche Bank AG

Publications

Latvian tax authority changes its position on the taxation of individual's income from transactions with cryptocurrencies

PSD2: Hope For Latvia's Fledgling Payments Industry

Shareholder Registers: Issues and Solutions

Облигация - альтернативный источник финансирования (Bonds - an Alternative Financing Source)

Legal Problems in the Regulation of Financial Instruments