



LAW FIRM

ABOUT THE FIRM

The Salkom Law Firm was founded in 1990.

The Firm has extensive intellectual and professional potential as it employs 50 highly experienced lawyers (the total number of staff makes up 100). The Firm's employees speak English and other languages, which allow them to work efficiently with foreign clients.

Year after year the Firm is being rated by Ukrainian and foreign rating experts as one of the leaders on the market of legal services in Ukraine. Famous international publications and guidebooks, such as The Legal 500 (Europe, Middle East & Africa), PLC Which Lawyer?, Chambers Global recommend the Salkom Law Firm as one of Ukraine's top law firms that practices successfully in the fields of antitrust law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, securities law, bankruptcy and insolvency, international trade, contract law, privatization, and litigation, including foreign courts and international commercial arbitration procedures.

The Firm's clientele are foreign and domestic companies, both private and state-owned, engaged in various *industries*.

The Firm has extensive experience of liaising with state authorities, including the State Property Fund of Ukraine, Securities and Stock Market State Commission, Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine, Ministry for Fuel and Energy of Ukraine, etc.

The Firm's partners act as advisers to the committees of the Parliament of Ukraine; also, they are the members of the Scientific and Consulting Centres at the Supreme Court of Ukraine and the Highest Commercial Court of Ukraine, the Expert Committee on Notary Matters at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, and the Scientific and Technical Council at the State Committee on Land Resources of Ukraine.

The Firm has its Analytic Centre comprising 14 advisers, and 11 of them have Ph.D. in Law.

The Salkom Law Firm enjoys longstanding cooperative relationships with international law and consulting firms in the United Kingdom, the USA, Russia, Austria, France, Cyprus, Italy, Australia, etc.

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Corporate Law

The Salkom Law Firm offers a full range of services to businesses in Ukraine. The lawyers help clients to set up or purchase businesses in Ukraine; provide legal assistance and consulting services so as to ensure smooth running of the business at all stages of its development (drafting and negotiating contracts, rendering bookkeeping and accounting services to clients' companies, reporting to and liaising with authorities, including tax authorities, etc.).

The Firm regularly handles reorganization and restructuring transactions and merger and acquisition deals (participating in preliminary negotiations, summarizing the terms and conditions of a deal, carrying out due diligence, and completing deals).

Employment

The Salkom Law Firm has been rendering practical advice on employment relationships over many years.

The Firm advises on various aspects of employment law of Ukraine and other countries; drafts companies' internal regulations and assists in adopting it; drafts employment agreements; helps companies in obtaining work permits for foreign personnel; acts on behalf of the clients in labour disputes or assists them in having court decisions in labour matters enforced, etc.

Real Estate

The Salkom Law Firm offers a wide range of services in the area of Ukrainian real estate.

The Firm advises construction companies at all stages of construction, from project inception to completion, develops efficient schemes for raising funds from individuals and legal entities to finance the construction of real estate. The Firm has experience in working closely with banks on mortgage and loans related matters. The Firm provides legal assistance to the clients who intend to purchase residential and commercial real property, unfinished buildings and structures, property complexes, etc.

The Salkom Law Firm's lawyers have a considerable reputation as specialists in land-related transactions.

Contract Law

The Firm has significant experience and expertise in drafting contracts and agreements of all kinds as well as negotiating their terms and conditions. The Firm's lawyers draft sale-purchase contracts for real estate, corporate rights, securities and other assets; lease agreements; loan agreements and surety agreements; investment agreements and joint venture agreements; production sharing agreements; licence agreements; international trade contracts, etc.

Banks and Finance

In the area of finance and banking law the Firm offers advice on formation, reorganization and liquidation of banks and other financial institutions (insurance companies, exchanges, investment funds, equity management companies, etc.); assists in opening representative offices and branches of Ukrainian and foreign banks; drafts and analyses contracts to provide banking services; represents clients in banks and financial institutions and helps them by negotiating the schemes for financing their commercial activity.

The Salkom Law Firm offers clients a full range of services in connection with currency, clearing and other financial operations and provides general advice on currency exchange laws and regulations; assists in obtaining necessary permission (licences) from authorities to carry out operations with foreign currency; helps clients with preparing and filing reports, etc.

Tax

The Salkom Law Firm offers a seamless tax service at all levels of business needs, including investment planning, business acquisition and disposal planning, corporate tax planning and mitigation of tax liabilities.

The Firm acts for its clients in tax disputes, liaises with tax authorities; represents clients during spot-checks conducted by the state tax service and defends clients in courts where tax disputes are being considered.

Competition Law

The Salkom Law Firm provides clients with advice on competition law of Ukraine; assists clients during economic concentration and helps them with obtaining necessary permission to carry out concerted actions on the various goods and services markets.

The Firm has a wealth of experience in protecting clients against unfair competition, unlawful use of commercial names, trademarks and advertising materials.

Intellectual Property Law

The Firm offers professional advice on complex protection of the rights to trademarks, brands, commercial names, innovations, industrial models, commercial secrets and copyright, both in Ukraine and abroad; on managing intellectual property; on employment and contractual relationships in the area of intellectual property and innovations.

The lawyers provide expert advice and assistance in resolving disputes arising out of unlawful use of trademarks, commercial names and other intellectual property; they act for clients to protect their rights to trademarks in the Internet; and help by resolving conflicts between trademarks and domain names.

Dispute Resolution and Litigation

The Salkom Law Firm has wide expertise in acting for clients in all courts upon equally wide range of matters.

The Firm represents its clients in all litigation matters; it also has in depth experience of the field of arbitration, as well as alternative dispute resolution and mediation. The Firm provides qualified legal assistance at all stages of litigation, starting from trial courts, courts of appeal and up to cassation courts, including the Supreme Court of Ukraine; the Firm also assists clients in having court judgments enforced.

The Firm's partners are widely acknowledged professionals in the field of international commercial arbitration; they are on the list of the major international arbitration courts. When acting on instructions of big commercial companies, the Firm won a number of cases in the European Court of Human Rights and protected successfully clients' property rights in Ukraine. Some of these cases set revolutionary examples to the case law of the Court itself.

Personal Legal Services

The Salkom Law Firm offers a full range of personal legal services to those clients who accumulated a great amount of wealth, including assets managements, providing expert advice in the area of family law, wills and probate, and criminal law.

The Firm's solicitors have experience in representing the interests of married partners at negotiations on entering into or terminating prenuptial agreements.

The Firm acts for its clients in criminal matters, both during pre-trial investigation and in court.
