



KNOWING THE MARKET ...

Bulgaria is a fast moving economy with a constant change in legislation. Therefore, it is crucial for individuals or businesses to get involved with the right legal partner with a dynamic and innovative approach.

At Dobrev & Partners we even made changes in legislation. We have twice succeeded in getting the legislation in Bulgaria changed when we felt it unfair.

We have a unique approach, because when our client comes in with a legal matter, we don't only use our legal expertise, but also we work very closely with our high profile network, to identify the best solution which would also protect the interest of our client.

All our legal experts have more than 20 years experience in the Bulgarian legal system. They have assisted international and national companies and organisations, including the UN, the Bulgarian Ombudsman, in many different legal matters.

At Dobrev & Partners, we do think outside the box, and we are always ready to assist you about any type of legal matters you may be facing in the Bulgarian market.

We are constantly working for our customer's satisfaction.

Do not hesitate to contact us at anytime as this is our life's work !

George Dobrev
Managing Partner

Over 20 years experience...



Dobrev & Partners is a boutique law firm, with a proven track record in handling successfully a large number of legal matters. Our lawyers have handled many important cases and gained a great reputation in the Bulgarian legal world.

We have been praised and recognized by our clients and institutions we are closely working with, as a problem solving law firm with a very dynamic and innovative approach.

Dobrev & Partners is dedicated to providing an outstanding representation to its clients. Our practice is guided by the ideal that our client will always be the winner.

Dobrev & Partners is an internationally minded law firm. We are working closely with the

Bulgarian Ombudsman, national and International institutions (including UN) and Patent Agencies,...

We speak more than 4 languages including: English, Bulgarian, Russian, German and French.

Dobrev and Partners is a registered company in Bulgaria. It is registered as Dobrev Consult and trading as Dobrev and Partners. Registration number: 825394055

Regulated by the Supreme Bar Council of Bulgaria.

Our legal expertise...

REAL ESTATES

Property litigation
Commercial and property investment
Real estate development, land use and construction
Property finance and mortgages
Residential conveyancing
Property management
Property lease

COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW

Commercial agreements
Insolvency
Bankruptcy & Restructuring
Partnerships and joint ventures
Mergers and acquisitions

TAXES

Corporate and personal taxation
State and Local Taxation
Tax investigation and litigation

FAMILY LAW

Wills and inheritance
Adoption
Divorce, property settlements
Child Custody

INTELECTUAL PROPERTY

Trademarks and brand protection
Patents, design and copyright
Franchising, licensing & distribution
Competition & EU law
Unfair competition and passing-off
Dispute resolution in all IP rights

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Environmental permitting and compliance counseling



Environmental, product liability, and toxic tort litigation

PERSONAL INJURY

Product Liability
Professional Negligence
Accidents at Work

CRIMINAL (PENAL) LAW

Crime Victims Compensation
Parole Probation
Violent Crimes
White colour crimes
Commercial crime

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

Advise on a wide range of relevant issues, including the powers and duties of public bodies and officials
Bringing and defending appeals in various Tribunals and Courts
Public and private investigations and inquiries
Advise on commercial and regulated industries
Public procurement
Public/private partnerships

LITIGATION, ARBITRATION, MEDIATION

Our legal experts

George Dobrev - *Managing Partner*



In the course of his legal practice, he gained recognition as one of the few Bulgarian lawyers who changed the law. He was not only instrumental in amendments in the Co-operation Act, but also was involved, during the critical transition period, as a legal Adviser to businesses on the Bulgarian Restitution Process; instigation of changes in the Ownership and Use of Agricultural Land Act.

He also made a great contribution when he was appointed as Deputy Mayor of Plovdiv, as he formulated and implemented a unique methodology of work in the Municipality. In that capacity he achieved first implementation of the concession scheme on Plovdiv's Municipality Property, reorganisation of its entity structure, as well as becoming a member of the Board of Plovdiv Privatisation Agency.

Mr Dobrev is an attorney at law and a patent attorney.

Education

University of Sofia, St. Kliment Ohridski
Major: Master of Law, Graduated with Honor

Languages

Fluent in English and Russian

Other legal appointments include:

Legal Advisor to the Mayor of Rhodopi Municipality

Legal Advisor of "Georgi Dimitrov" Science and Production Agricultural Complex

Foreign Trade Agreement for Export of

Software Systems and hardware for Bulgaria and Russia for agriculture (creation of hi tech software & hardware products assembled to serve industrial production);

Establishment of Joint Ventures with international businesses and NGO's.

Establishment of International Non Governmental Organization - Scientific Association "InterAgro Cybernetics" with Participation of Companies from Russia,

Slovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary.

Lecturer on Family Law in Pedagogical Faculty of Plovdiv University

Area of Practice

Administrative and public law, taxes, Intellectual property, real estate and construction, commercial and corporate law, family law, litigation, arbitration, mediation, personal injury.

Membership in Professional Bodies:

- Bulgarian Bar Association - (Personnal No:1800020140)
- Patent attorney
- 2007 to Present, European trade mark and design attorney, registered in the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) – Alicante, Spain

Alexander Kodjabashev - *Senior Partner*



He was for many year a Legal advisor for many prestigious institutions and companies. Among them, he was appointed as a legal advisor to the National Ecological Ecofund where he was responsible of the assessment of the legal aspects of financing of public private partnership projects. He also reviewed the legislation governing income generation by protected areas - legal assessment of financial flows in relation to Protected Areas in Bulgaria.

He has an excellent expertise in environmental matters (the environmental field being one of the most important areas for outsourcing public sector activities) but also a very good knowledge of practical implementation of legal provisions – civil, administrative, environmental and intellectual property law. He also has gained a wide experience in needs assessment preparation and institutional development and strengthening of administrative capacity.

He was an author of many reports, analysis and articles, requested by the Regional Environmental Center to international projects.

Mr Kodjabashev is an attorney at law.

Other legal appointments:

He was involved in the “Implementation of the environmental acquis at the regional and local level”: Sub-project 2- “Assistance in regional and municipal waste management planning,

implementation and enforcement of legal requirements in waste management sector. He was then involved in the Monitoring on the Activity of the Sofia Municipal Council.

Development of a legislative framework for creation of a Water Regulatory Body in Bulgaria

Member of Commissions at the Ministry of the Environment for preparation of drafts of laws and secondary legislation acts.

Development of legal scheme for implementation of the SAPARD programme for financing agricultural activities in Bulgaria.

Education

University of Sofia, St. Kliment Ohridski
Robert Schumann University,
Starsbourg, France
Major: Master of Law

Languages

Fluent in English, Russian and French

Area of Practice

Environmental and commercial law

Membership in Professional Bodies:

Member of Bulgarian Bar Association
Member of E-law-Environmental Lawyers
Worldwide, Eugene, Oregon, USA
Member of GUTA Conference – Environmental
Lawyers from Central and Eastern Europe
(with a seat in Budapest)
1993 – founder of the Bulgarian Association of
Municipal Environmental Experts (BAMEE)

Dr Petar Kostov - *Senior Partner*



Dr Kostov was a renowned Bulgarian Public prosecutor. He also was involved, during the transition period, in property restitution. He investigated many high profile cases linked to money laundering and has an excellent knowledge on corporate law

including due diligence. Throughout his career he also was a Lecturer in law for 10 years at Plovdiv University.

Dr Kostov is an attorney at law.

Education

University of Sofia, St. Kliment Ohridski
Major: Doctor of law

Languages

Fluent in English, Russian and German

Area of Practice

Criminal, Tax, Commercial, Corporate and Economic Law

Membership in Professional Bodies:

Member of the Bulgarian Bar Association

Petar Kesov - *Senior Partner*



He was involved in privatisation of State assets during the Bulgarian transition period. Has successfully represented a great number of national and international (China, Turkey, Ukraine and European countries) companies on IP and copyright law. He has achieved more than 2200

trademark, over 50 patents for more than 200 companies around the globe

Mr Kesov is an attorney at law and a patent attorney.

Education

University of Varna,
Major: law

Languages

Fluent in Russian

Area of Practice

Intellectual property, Commercial Law

Membership in Professional Bodies:

Member of the European Trademark and design bureau.
Member of the Bulgarian Bar Association

Some of our successful representation...



International organizations:

The United Nations Development Program
The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
The Regional Environmental Center, Budapest
The New York University School of Law
Open Society Foundation-Sofia

International Companies

Eptisa-Spain
IC consulenten – Austria
Sir William Halcrow & Partners Ltd – GB
Milieu Ltd - Belgium
NAU GmbH - Germany
Tank-Und Energietechnik - Germany
Leitl Spannton GmbH - Germany
Bauhutte Leitl-Werke GmbH - Germany
Zorluteks Tekstil Ticaret - Turkey
Orgaz Gaz Aletleri - Turkey
Ssangyong Motor Company - Korea

State and Local Self-Government Institutions:

The Ministry for Environment and Water of Bulgaria
The Ministry for Agriculture and Forests of Bulgaria
The National Ecological Trust Fund - Bulgaria
The Municipalities of Kardjali, Troyan, Botevgrad, Bobovdol, Rodhopi, Plovdiv

National Companies:

Termik - Construction
TorgoExpress - Import/Export
Hercu - Production
Stroyinvest Bulgaria-Construction
Evrotrade building- construction
National Canning Institute - Research Center
Vini Sliven - Wine production
Rozaimpex-Cosmetic
Festa Holding - Trading company
ZK Kristal- sugar production Vidona - cooking oil production

Our publications



1994-2000 – Analysis and Presentations on Bulgarian laws and regulations in the area of Access to Environmental Information and Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making – in English language (available at the website of the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe –<http://www.rec.org/>)

2001 – Preparation of analysis concerning the application of the Aarhus Convention in relation to genetically modified organisms (for the UNECE).

2003 – Article published in the Journal “Administrative Justice” – 5/2003 – “The Aarhus Convention – a new challenge to the administrative justice” (in Bulgarian language)

2004 - Commentary on the Aarhus Convention for Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (in Bulgarian language)

Our contact information



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A map of our new Sofia location is coming up soon.

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