



Public & Administrative Law

Kyriakides Georgopoulos (KG) Law Firm dates back to the 1930s and is one of Greece's oldest and most reputable law firms. KG Law Firm is comprised of over 120 highly skilled professionals actively involved in the provision of legal services to high profile Greek and international clients.

Clients seek our help with state litigation enforcement proceedings and administrative appeals for a vast assortment of concerns and industries.

Amongst others we provide comprehensive environmental urban planning and licensing counseling to businesses agencies and others with environmental constructive and real estate concerns. These comprise regional port operators, public utilities national and regional real estate developers and multi-national and regional industrial entities.

“We maintain effectively high standards and conditions for client service”

A. Litigation

The Administrative Law Practice Group undertakes to provide clients with full support in hearings before the Council of State, the Court of Auditors and ordinary administrative courts. This support involves the drafting of statements of claim and the representation of the client in hearings relating to issues of public and administrative law. Amongst others our litigation support extends to a wide range of issues such as:

Environmental disputes

- handling environmental sustainability compliance and liability legal matters affecting our clients' business operations,
- defence counsels against some of the most contentious administrative enforcement actions pursued by federal state and local governmental agencies touching all environmental media and all manner of claims.

Construction- Real Estate disputes

- litigation team recognizes the integrated multi-disciplinary nature of modern construction providing services from the inception of the construction project to its conclusion. These include advice and counsel for:
- environmental issues
- land use and construction permitting
- negotiation among project team members

Pharma disputes

- representing several major pharma companies before the Council of State (Hellenic Administrative Supreme Court) seeking the annulment of clawback and rebate payment orders
- defending pharma companies against fines imposed by National Medicines Agency (EOF) or other competent administrative authorities
- representing pharma companies for the conclusion of both out-of-court and judicial settlements.

Public procurement disputes

- we have expertise in numerous sectors including telecommunication, public health, power infrastructure, transport and defence
- our lawyers are well-versed in litigation and alternative dispute resolution of public procurement disputes
- we provide judicial protection in the pre-contractual stage before the Hellenic Single Public Procurement Authority and the competent courts, seeking the suspension and setting-aside of decisions which might harm our principals' interests.
- we defend contractors in disputes arising during the performance stage of the contract (drafting and supporting of applications for judicial review and actions for damages before the competent courts.).

B. Legal Advice

The Administrative Law Practice Group places a great emphasis on providing the right legal advice at the right time. Receipt of timely and accurate legal advice by the client can prevent actions which could have damaging consequences.

It can also ensure that productive initiatives are taken while it can help clients reach agreements with public agencies by cutting through red tape and avoiding the need for expensive and time-consuming court hearings.

In full cooperation with our clients, we provide representation vis-a-vis administrative authorities in all areas of Administrative Law. An indicative list of the areas in our team provides legal advices includes issues arising from:

Public procurement

Public and private clients come to us for advice on their largest and most complex public procurement matters. These range from bid challenges following alleged breaches of public procurement law to advising on complex overseas procurement structures

In this field of public procurement (invitations to tender for public works, services and supplies) our Administrative Law Practice Group offers a comprehensive range of services to our clients including:

▪ Preparation of candidates' files

Legislative complexity, lack of clarity in the tender documents and the use of legal terminology make it essential that our clients have the support they need to navigate through the qualifications of each tender. With guidance from our expert team, clients can be assured that they meet all formal requirements for participation in public procurement tenders.

▪ Support for clients throughout the tender process

During the tender process we undertake communication with the contracting authorities, we support our clients by providing advice and instructions on any critical matter and we draft the necessary objections and appeals to the tender committees and/or contracting authorities.

Environmental- Real estate law and Regulatory

We advise clients on all aspects of environmental law including permitting requirements, operational compliance, energy and carbon emission regimes and the management of pollution and contamination liabilities and remediation programmes.

Our advice spans the entire project lifecycle from initial planning permission and approval procedures through to construction and operation - including compliance and regulatory obligations for many highly regulated industries in which we work.

We advise public and private clients from the acquisition of land through to the construction and management of a built asset as well as defending against claims from third parties.

In addition, we advise on the design of models for inter-municipal cooperation and public-private partnerships.

Zoning and land use

Our team has broad experience in working with developers, businesses and property owners to work through the complex issues that arise during the zoning and land development process.

- Variances Special Exceptions Conditional Use and Zoning Permit Approvals
- Sketch Plan Review
- Minor and Major Land Development Approvals
- Minor and Major Subdivision Approvals
- Preparation of planned community and condominium documents
- Re-zoning petitions and ordinance amendments
- Historic preservation of buildings and other property
- Negotiation of Development Agreements
- Building permits and other third party permits and,

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C. Administrative Procedures

The knowledge and experience we have acquired throughout the years allow us to offer valuable assistance to our clients representing them in their dealings with administrative authorities. The representation of our clients may take the form of drafting and submitting petitions applications objections or appeals or appearing on their behalf before councils and committees of administrative authorities. In addition, our approach in providing full support to our clients aims at ensuring that procedures are completed more rapidly than the competent authorities take more interest in and pay more attention to the client's affairs and that disputes are resolved without resorting to the courts.

D. Non-contentious public & administrative law

Our team can also assist by advising both public and private sector clients on:

- administrative and public law issues such as questions of vires procedural fairness and the impact of the Human Rights Act in a wide variety of contexts from PPP/PFI contract negotiations to bond issues
- the legal requirements of public decision-making including the requirement for and conduct of public consultations impact assessments and other forms of stakeholder engagement and internal governance arrangements
- Hellenic and EU parliamentary and legislative procedure and
- legislative drafting and interpretation.

E. Indicative Deals & Cases

We have performed the due diligence on public and administrative law matters, provided advice on the bidding process and requirements and drafted and negotiated the Concession Agreement for the:

- acquisition through a public tender of 67% in the Igoumenitsa Port Authority S.A.;
- acquisition through a public tender of 67% in the Heraklion Port Authority S.A.;
- acquisition through a public tender of 67% in the Volos Port Authority S.A.;

We have provided due diligence advice on public and administrative law issues for:

- the acquisition of 100% of a Greek Company, Hotel operator in Chalkidiki;
- the acquisition of 100% of a Greek Company, cement product operator;
- the financing of the construction works and the operation of a boat repair center in Rhodes.


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