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& SONS LLC**  
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The firm has a tier 1 ranking in the 'Legal 500' ranking in Banking and Finance, Corporate and M&A, Tax and Dispute Resolution.

The Managing Partners, Mr. Stelios Triantafyllides and Mr. George Triantafyllides, are cited as 'leading individuals' in their respective fields.

Mr. Antis Triantafyllides, the founder of the firm, was the Cyprus member of the Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce throughout the greater part of his legal career.

## Firm Profile

The law firm of Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC was founded in 1955. It is one of the oldest and most established law firms in Cyprus, providing high quality legal services in all areas of law to corporations, institutions, government entities and high net worth individuals. The firm's main practice focuses on domestic and international corporate law and banking and finance law. The firm also boasts one of the strongest litigation teams in the country and a premier tax department.

### Antis Triantafyllides and Sons LLC offers:

- An optimum service to clients in terms of high quality transactional work combined with practical advice.
- Depth of knowledge and technical expertise in a number of fields including financial services and regulation, structured finance and debt capital markets, and public and administrative law.
- Local expertise with an international outlook to provide advice to both our domestic and international clients.

The firm currently employs 72 members of staff, including 28 lawyers and legal consultants.



# Key Practice Areas



All of the firm's teams, practicing in the areas listed below, consist of both local and overseas qualified lawyers and legal consultants, who bring the value of their international experience to the firm.

## The practice areas of the firm include the following:

- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- M&A and Joint Ventures
- Corporate Restructuring
- Financial Services and Securities Regulation
- General Corporate & Commercial Law
- Company Law
- Trusts
- Data Protection Law
- Venture Capital
- Tax
- Competition Law
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation Arbitration and Mediation
- Constitutional, Public and Administrative Law
- Immigration Law
- Employment Law
- Real Estate and Construction Law
- Energy Law
- Contract Law
- Insolvency Law

# Key Practice Areas

## *Recent examples of our experience:*

- We advised Barclays Bank on the Cyprus law aspects of a transaction whereby Barclays Bank granted financing of USD100,000,000 to one of the largest private investment companies in Russia.
- We advised a syndicate of banks including Credit Suisse International, Gazprombank, Raiffeisen Bank International, Natixis, Bank of China and VTB Bank (Deutschland), on the Cyprus law aspects of a USD675,000,000 financing of Gunvor Group in relation to the financing of the Ust Luga Oil Ports Terminal in Russia.
- We advised a prominent Russian business in relation to a secured USD160,000,000 facility made available to a Cypriot company to finance the acquisition of a prestigious hotel in Moscow.

## **Banking and Finance**

The firm's highly experienced Banking and Finance team handles secured and unsecured lending, international high-value financing and refinancing transactions, including project financing, syndicated, subordinated and mezzanine financing, and related securities such as share pledges, floating charges, financial collateral and other securities.

The firm regularly advises on compliance and banking regulatory and licensing requirements; ISDA agreements and related products; asset preservation and security enforcement and procedures.

Two of the firm's main team members, Marios Hadjigavriel and Christiana Vassiliou were both heads of in-house legal teams at international banks based in Cyprus and bring the wealth of their experience to their department making our banking team one of the strongest in the country.

The firm's litigation team supports the banking team by dealing with debt collection and security enforcement, representing in this respect both local and international banking institutions.

The firm's main client base consists of high profile international lenders, arrangers and facility agents (on single-lender and syndicated, secured and unsecured loans) as well as borrowers, guarantors and security providers. Our clients include international financial institutions such as EBRD, IFC, VTB Group, Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse as well as local banking institutions, such as the Bank of Cyprus and Piraeus Bank.

# Key Practice Areas

## *Recent examples of our experience:*

- The firm's IPO team advised Qiwi plc in a USD213,000,000 offering on NASDAQ. The company issued 12.5 million American depositary shares and granted the underwriters of the sale options on 1.875 million securities. Qiwi, based in Nicosia, Cyprus is a leading provider of next generation payment services in Russia and the CIS. Following the successful completion of the IPO, we recently advised Qiwi plc further on its primary and secondary offerings noting that the transaction involved many new aspects of Cyprus law arising from the local IPO law that have been untested in court.
- In May 2015, ATS acted again for the Ukrainian based DTEK group of companies (DTEK) and for two Cypriot companies belonging to the group, with respect to the financial restructuring of its outstanding USD 200 million 9.5% senior notes which took place through an exchange offer, consent solicitation and an English scheme of arrangement. The deal is a landmark one since the change of governing law of the bonds from New York law to English law was sufficient for conferring jurisdiction to English courts for sanctioning a scheme of arrangement.

## **Capital Markets**

The capital markets practice of the firm covers the full range of capital markets products and specialises in debt and equity capital markets, derivatives and structured finance, securitisation, corporate trust and agency.

The firm's team is highly experienced, having played an active part in major developments in capital markets related to Cyprus and regularly acts on public offerings including initial, secondary and dual public offerings on regulated or non-regulated markets, both within and outside the EU, as well as private placements, Eurobond issues, reverse takeovers etc.

The team regularly acts for lenders, underwriters, and issuers, issuing legal opinions and advising clients through every step of an equity raising transaction.

The key to our success in this field is our analytical rigour and expertise noting that most of the cases we work on in this area are unprecedented in Cyprus and our clients and overseas counsels therefore rely on our vast experience, know - how and technical expertise to apply untested areas of the law to the case at hand.



# Key Practice Areas

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## Financial Services and Regulation

In a world of increasing regulation on the financial and investment sectors, with companies having to devote more resources to governance, risk and compliance issues, our team can provide practical detailed guidance to clients to help them understand the relevant legal obligations arising from these constantly changing regulatory regimes.

We have an effective working relationship with the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (the "CySec") being their preferred retained legal adviser, and together with our expertise and our years of experience in this area of Cypriot law, we lead thinking on regulatory developments, helping clients in lobbying on, planning for, and implementing changes as they occur. By maintaining day-to-day contact with the CySec and due to the fact that Stelios Triantafyllides, our managing partner, is often called to assist in drafting legislative amendments in these areas of law, we can advise our clients on the direction of reform and help them structure their business and activities to gain commercial and strategic advantages.

Our team has in depth and technical knowledge of financial services regulation laws including MiFID, MiFID II, laws regulating fund managers and fund formation and we provide immediate and effective responses to client queries in such areas of financial regulation.

We advise asset managers, investment banks, and brokers/agents tackling issues such as fund formation and distribution, and cross border regulatory issues. Our clients include Cyprus Investment Firms belonging to the groups of some of the largest regulated investments banks such as Sberbank and Renaissance Capital, FX trading companies and companies that are leaders in "social investment trading" such as Etoro.

# Key Practice Areas

## *Recent examples of our experience:*

- We acted as Cyprus counsel to VTB Capital PLC, in connection with (a) the acquisition of the entities owning the White Square Office Center and White Gardens Office Center, a 75,000 m<sup>2</sup> and a 65,000 m<sup>2</sup> prime Class A office complex respectively, located in Central Business District of Moscow and (b) the release of the existing lenders' security for the amount of USD226,000,000 and putting in place the new lenders' security.
- We advised Macquarie Renaissance Infrastructure Fund and Sumitomo Corporation in connection with their participation in a USD100,000,000 investment round in Russian Towers, a growing telecom tower infrastructure provider in Russia.
- We set up Chinese walls to enable us to act for both buyer, Zoltav Resources Inc and seller Bandbear Limited in the Sale/Acquisition of the Cyprus company Royal Atlantic Energy (Cyprus) Limited, which operated as a subsidiary of Bandbear Limited and which owns a lucrative oil field in Russia. Zoltav paid USD180,000,000, mostly in shares, to the seller and the acquisition was Zoltav's second major oil and gas asset acquisition.
- We advised in connection with the restructuring of Russian wireless-telecoms provider, OAO MegaFon, which resulted in the pay out to its shareholders of USD5.15 billion in dividends. We acted as Cyprus counsel for one of the shareholders, Swedish telecom TeliaSoneraAB and we were responsible for helping the client divest 8.2% indirect stake in OAO MegaFon.

## **General Corporate & Company Law**

The firm's corporate and commercial department constitutes the cornerstone of our practice. The experience of the firm's highly reputable and exceptionally specialised team is second to none on the island. The team members provide high-quality practical and innovative advice on all aspects of company law.

### **The types of work under this area include:**

- Formation, acquisition and sale of Cyprus companies;
- Corporate reorganisation and restructuring;
- Shareholder agreements and corporate governance issues;
- Capital-raising transactions;
- Public and private offerings of securities and securities law compliance;
- Local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions;
- Management buy-outs and earn-outs;
- Corporate management;
- Redomiciliation of companies in and out of Cyprus.

A full array of relevant legal services is provided to a domestic and international client base which includes: commercial banks, investment banks, consulting firms, insurance companies, financial services companies, oil and gas companies and other financial institutions, media and entertainment companies, technology and telecommunications companies, transportation companies, companies in the food and beverage sector, the pharmaceutical industry and high net- worth individuals.

The firm acts in numerous high profile and heavily publicised Russian M&A transactions with a Cyprus element.



# Key Practice Areas

## Tax

Our tax department has a reputation for developing solutions to tax problems that are both tax-efficient and practical, meeting the real constraints under which clients operate.

The firm's tax practitioners are integrated into the firm's transactional teams and advise corporations and individuals on any Cypriot tax issues which may arise in the context of international and local transactions.

**The litigation department has been involved in various landmark tax cases and other incidental matters such as:**

- Acting for the Judiciary in the Supreme court case where the reduction of the salaries of all the members of the Judiciary as a result of the economic crisis in Cyprus was held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.
- A supreme court case where it was held that the Church was not subject to capital gains tax as a result of the disposal of immovable property.

## Trusts

The firm boasts a growing and thriving trust practice which includes amongst its client base international fiduciary service providers, trust companies, families, high-net worth individuals and banks.

**The practice covers all aspects of trust law and includes:**

- Establishment, restructuring and termination of commercial trusts under the Cyprus International Trusts law.
- Establishment, restructuring and termination of charitable, private and purpose trusts.
- Acting in contentious and non-contentious trust disputes.

The team members are highly experienced in the area of trusts law and their expertise includes advising on trust law, trustee duties, trustee liability, trust variation, contracts between trustees and third party service providers and non-contentious trust disputes.

# Key Practice Areas



## Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation

The firm's litigation team is considered one of the best in Cyprus and is led by George Triantafyllides, a widely respected member of the Cyprus Bar.

**The litigation department covers all areas of general and commercial law and offers:**

- A wide range of dispute resolution.
- Practical advice and guidance to clients in an effort to avoid lengthy court actions.
- Detailed advice on proceedings and procedures.
- Representation of clients in litigation disputes before all national courts and tribunals.
- Both domestic and international arbitration under internationally recognised arbitration bodies.

Legal assistance and guidance in relation to various litigation matters is provided. Whether immediate action is required in an interim order application or well-thought tactics in a long standing lawsuit before the Courts, the client can always rely on the firm's experienced litigation team for the appropriate service and tailored advice.

A hand in a black sleeve reaches for a book on a shelf in a library or law firm. The shelves are filled with books, some with red and blue covers. The title 'Key Practice Areas' is overlaid on the top left of the image.

# Key Practice Areas

The team specialises, non-exhaustively, in interim order applications, Norwich Pharmacal orders and other types of disclosure orders, as well as freezing orders.

The firm's litigation practice is not limited to arguing cases before the District Courts or the Supreme Court of Cyprus, but also extends to claims before all courts and tribunals in Cyprus, including, among others, the Employment Tribunal, the Rent Tribunal, the Tenders Review Authority and the Commission for the Protection of Competition.

Alternative means such as the option of arbitration and mediation are also areas where we excel in the Cyprus legal market.

**We have acted in extremely high profile litigation cases such as:-**

*Dmitry Rybolovlev v Elena Rybolovleva (2010)*

We represented Mr Dmitry Rybolovlev before the Supreme Court of Cyprus where we succeeded in cancelling the freezing injunctions issued by the first instance court. This decision is frequently cited as authority by the Cyprus Courts.

*Ashot Egiazaryan v Denoro Investments Limited and others Action No. 7862/2010*

A Cyprus court had frozen USD6 billion worth of Russian businessman - Suleiman Kerimov's Russian assets - including his stakes in potash producer Uralkali and mining group Polyus Gold. The injunction on behalf of Russian member of parliament, Ashot Egiazaryan, also covered holdings in the Moskva Hotel. We represented Mr Suleyman Kerimov's companies before the District Court of Nicosia and successfully opposed applications for injunctions against Mr Suleyman Kerimov personally and his companies.

# Key Practice Areas

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Ozon, now the largest e-commerce company in Russia, has been our client since 1999 when we registered the company. In September 2011, Ozon raised USD100,000,000 of which 95% were invested into its four key businesses: the online retailer Ozon.ru, the shipping company O-courier, Ozon.Travel, and the shoe and accessory retailer Sapato.ru which was acquired in February 2012. We assisted on this and many other of its equity raising transactions, being the company's retained Cyprus Counsel.

## Venture Capital

The firm represents both emerging growth companies and venture capital firms. Transactions range from early stage seed rounds through late stage venture rounds.

We focus on representing emerging companies in the technology, entertainment and media, and e-commerce industries and maintain working relationships with the venture capital funds, investment banks and strategic corporate and individual investors that finance companies in these sectors.

### Areas of experience include:

- Fund formation and representation.
- Equity financing using venture, angel and strategic investor capital.
- Debt financing.
- Intellectual property licensing and other commercial agreements.
- Joint ventures and strategic partnerships.
- Employment and equity compensation matters.



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## **Immigration Law**

We specialize in all areas of immigration law. In particular, we offer advice in relation to citizenship applications through the normal naturalization process or via the scheme for naturalization of investors in Cyprus by exception (which applies to non-EU nationals as well).

As part of its policy to attract foreign investors in Cyprus, on 19 March 2014, the Cyprus Government revised its scheme concerning the granting of citizenships to foreign investors. A person who has made an investment in Cyprus, provided that he meets certain criteria laid down under this scheme, is entitled to Cyprus citizenship.

Our law firm carries out all the necessary procedures in order to assist foreign investors and/or their families to qualify under the scheme.

Responding to increasing demand from our private clients and top managers of our client multinational companies, we have set up a one stop shop to assist our clients. We have established links with reputable property developers in terms of property acquisitions and already have extremely close links with banks in Cyprus. Our firm is connected to a wide network of local businesses and entrepreneurs to enable us to assist clients as effectively as possible when it comes to investing in Cyprus.

# New Services

The image shows the exterior of a modern, multi-story building with a light-colored facade and large windows. A sign on the building reads "JNT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LIMITED". The sign is blue with white text and a logo consisting of the letters "JNT" in a stylized font.

## Establishing a Presence in Cyprus

The firm has expanded its services to provide clients with further legal, business and accounting support.

This expansion is focused on the new and increasing commercial needs of clients stemming from the fast evolving and challenging environment that businesses are currently facing.

Client requirements are being continuously monitored with a view to assist clients develop their global strategies.

### The new services provided by the firm include the following:

#### 1. Fully serviced office space:

Fully furnished and fully staffed office premises in the centre of Nicosia are available and can be rented by clients. One or more offices can be rented in the same building.

#### *These services include:*

- Full- time receptionist for the co-working area.
- High speed internet connection.
- Conference room facilities.
- Office space, fully furnished to the highest standard.
- All necessary IT and communications equipment including server, computer, dedicated telephone line, e-mail etc.
- Air conditioning.
- Common charges, property taxes and insurance.
- Maintenance and cleaning.
- Security entry system.

# New Services

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## 2. Accounting services:

The firm provides accounting services to clients through an affiliate company, which also employs Russian-speaking accountants.

*Clients can use the accounting services in one of the following ways:*

- By retaining the affiliate company to carry out the accounting services of the client for a fee; or
- In the event that the clients are using the office services as indicated above, by actually adding on their payroll, on a full or part time basis, one of the accountants employed by the affiliate company. The firm will maintain the ultimate responsibility for the work provided.

All the above services can be adjusted and tailored to the specific needs of each individual client.

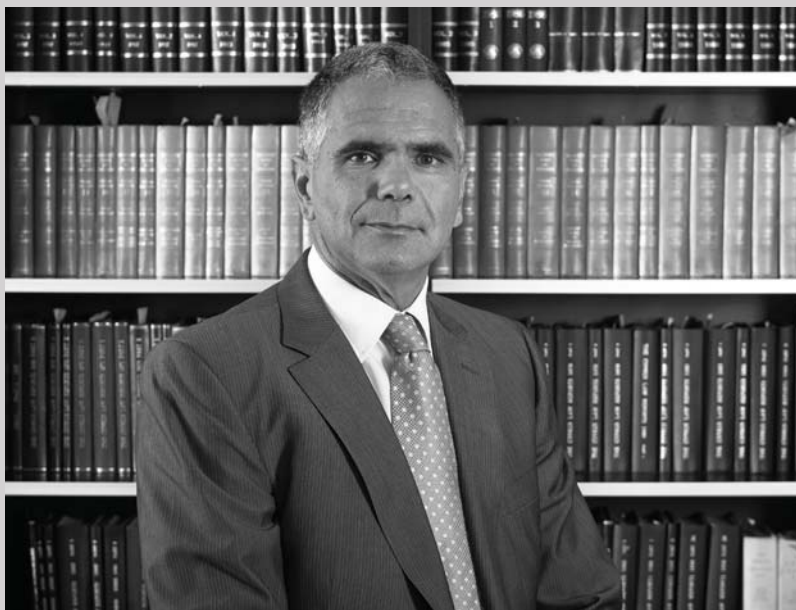


# Biographies of some of the Firm's Members





# George Triantafyllides

**Education:**

Oxford University, Worcester College (BCL, M.A. (Jurisprudence))

**Member:**

Cyprus Bar Association - Admitted in 1981

**Languages:**

Greek and English

**Practice Areas:**

Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation, Constitutional, Public and Administrative Law, Banking and Finance Law, Employment Law, Contract Law, General Corporate and Commercial Law, Company Law, Insolvency Law, Tax Law, Competition Law, Real Estate and Construction Law, Family Law, Commercial Dispute Resolution.

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George Triantafyllides is a partner in Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC and heads the litigation practice of the firm. He has a stellar reputation as “one of the sharpest litigators in Cyprus” (Chambers and Partners Europe 2012) and is renowned for his unmatched professionalism and expertise achieving an unprecedented level of success in various landmark cases before the national courts.

George acts on significant high profile international and domestic cases and has extensive experience in relation to interim injunction applications in multi jurisdictional disputes and has handled cases before all national courts, both at first instance and appeal level, before the Tenders Review Authority, the Commission for the Protection of Competition, the Employment Tribunal and the Family Court. He is also one of the few extremely experienced arbitrators in Cyprus.

**Recent Representative Experience:**

- Represented Mr Vladimir Potanin in an application for interim injunctions in the context of a matrimonial dispute action where his wife sought 50% of his assets. The applicant sought via the interim injunctions to freeze the assets of Mr Potanin and also to obtain Norwich Pharmacal disclosure orders. The Court dismissed the application of Mr Potanin’s wife accepting Triantafyllides’ arguments relating to the lack of jurisdiction of the Cypriot Courts to hear this interim application and the argument that Cyprus was not the appropriate forum.
- Chosen to represent the Judiciary before the Supreme Court in a case where the reduction of the salaries of all the members of the Judiciary as a result of the economic crisis in Cyprus was held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.
- Represented the Greek orthodox Church in Cyprus where it was held that the Church was not subject to capital gains tax as a result of the disposal of immovable property.
- Acting as Cyprus counsel to KPMG and Alvarez Marsal who BTA Bank has appointed as receivers over the assets of Muktar Ablyazov, who is claimed to have embezzled USD6 billion from BTA Bank.

# Stelios Triantafyllides



## Education:

Oxford University, Worcester College (BCL, M.A. (Jurisprudence))  
University of California at Berkeley (LL.M.)

## Member:

Cyprus Bar Association - Admitted 1984  
Committee on Offshore Business of the Cyprus Bar Council, 1988 - 2004  
Committee on the Cyprus Stock Exchange of the Cyprus Bar Council, 2000 - present  
Committee on Private Companies of the Cyprus Bar Council, 2000 - present  
Committee on Tax Planning of the Cyprus Bar Council, 2000 - present  
Board of Directors of the Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency (CIPA), 2006 - 2012  
Ad-Hoc CIPA working group on Sanctions, Chairman, 2014 - present

## Languages:

Greek and English

## Practice Areas:

Banking and Finance, Capital markets, M&A and Joint Venture, General Corporate and Commercial, Corporate Restructuring, Tax, Financial Services and Securities Regulation.

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Stelios Triantafyllides has been a partner of the law firm of Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC since 1983 and has built up the firm's corporate practice into one of the strongest and most reputable in the country. As a result of Stelios' expertise in international, corporate and tax law and cross border international business transactions, he is cited as 'one of the leading sources on the market' and a lawyer who 'delivers commercially relevant solutions' (Chambers and Partners).

As head of the corporate team, he has assisted the most respectable and recognised international companies acting either for the underwriters or the issuers in public offerings and/or private placements and listing of shares on various international exchanges. He advises an array of clients on re-organisations and corporate restructurings, rights issues, mergers and equity raising transactions.

His experience in international secured financing transactions combined with deep product expertise and close links with regulatory authorities in Cyprus has helped him and his team develop innovative solutions for clients, often incorporating complex financing techniques.

Stelios is constantly involved in novel and untested areas of law in the Cyprus legal market and is often called upon to draft or assist in drafting or review legislation. Due to his expertise in Cyprus legal and regulatory matters, he provides continuous legal advice to the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission during the drafting and consultation stages of the Investment Services and Activities and Regulated Markets Law, having also provided such similar support in relation to the Takeover Bids Law of 2007. He has further drafted amendments to the Cyprus Companies Law, which is the main legislation governing corporate matters in Cyprus. He was recently called upon by the Ministry of Finance to draft the first amendment to the Law Regulating Companies Providing Administrative Services and Related Matters of 2012.

## Banking - Marios N. Hadjigavriel

**Education:**

University of Essex (LL.B (Hons)), Inns of Court, Gray's Inn London (Barrister-at-law)

**Member:**

Cyprus Bar Association - Admitted 1987

**Languages:**

Greek and English

**Practice Areas:**

Banking and Finance, Capital markets, M&A and Joint Venture, General Corporate and Commercial, Corporate Restructuring, Tax, Financial Services and Securities Regulation.

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As a senior managing associate in our Banking and Finance Team, Marios brings the wealth of his experience to the department from his various in house roles. Before joining Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC in 2006, Marios Hadjigavriel was sub-head of the Legal Department and Legal Secretary of the Cyprus Popular Bank Limited and Head of Legal Services of Alpha Bank Cyprus Limited.

He has been extensively involved in large scale international banking and corporate matters acting as a regular advisor for major financial institutions such as EBRD, IFC, VTB Group and Deutsche Bank and for large corporate groups such as Nafta Moscva, Integra and Renova.

As part of the legal committee of the Cyprus Banks' Association, he was actively involved in the drafting of various legislative bills including the Banking Business Law of 1997. Recently he was involved in the drafting of secondary legislation relating to securities regulations.

He was also Vice President of the Association of Public Companies of Cyprus for a number of years.

## Banking - Christiana Vassiliou Miliou

**Education:**

London School of Economics (LL.B. (Hons.))  
King's College London, Commercial and Corporate Law (LL.M)

**Member:**

Cyprus Bar Association - Admitted 1999

**Languages:**

Greek and English

**Practice Areas:**

Banking and Finance, Capital markets, M&A and Joint Venture, General Corporate and Commercial, Corporate Restructuring, Tax, Financial Services and Securities Regulation, Trusts, Data Protection.

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Christiana is a senior member of the firm. She joined Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC 4 years ago and is a member of the Banking and Finance department. Before joining Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC she was the Head of the Legal Services Department of the 4th largest bank in Cyprus.

Christiana works with domestic and international clients including financial institutions and major corporations. She has advised on a large number of complex financings, restructurings and M&A transactions. She is currently advising Bank of Cyprus on major restructurings and is involved in the privatization of CYTA, Cyprus' incumbent telecommunications provider.

## Corporate - Alexey Podlesny

**Education:**

Law, Sofia University

**Member:**

Cyprus Bar Association - Admitted as a Registered European Lawyer in 2012

**Languages:**

English, Russian, Bulgarian

**Practice Areas:**

Banking and Finance, Capital markets, M&A and Joint Venture, General Corporate and Commercial, Corporate Restructuring, Tax, Financial Services and Securities Regulation.

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Alexey Podlesny is a Russian speaking lawyer, qualified in Bulgaria and has been practicing in corporate, tax and finance law at the firm since 2008. He previously held a number of high profile public administrative posts in Bulgaria and from 1993 till 2001 was the Ambassador of Bulgaria to the Republic of Cyprus. He was further involved in setting up of CCBank of Bulgaria in Cyprus in 2006-2007.

His experience consists of working in multi-million IPO transactions on foreign stock exchanges (including on the LSE, Nasdaq, WSE), rights issues, private placements with institutional investors and public offers for sale. Alexey has assisted various multi-nationals in relation to a wide range of corporate finance transactions such as accelerated book building, public tender offers and corporate restructurings for issuers in view of future listings. His knowledge and expertise also extends to corporate and secured financing transactions.

The portfolio of his clients involved in such transactions, are primarily active in the oil production, agriculture or real estate sectors of the international market.

## Corporate - Emily Petridou

**Education:**

London School of Economics and Political Science, London (LL.B.)  
The College of Law, London (Legal Practice Course)  
University of California, Los Angeles (LL.M.)

**Member:**

Law Society of England and Wales. Admitted in 2012.

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**Practice Areas:**

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Emily Petridou joined the law firm of Antis Triantafyllides & Sons in 2013. Before joining, she trained and worked for three years at the banking department of a Magic Circle law firm in London, and also spent time on client secondment at the emerging markets equity derivatives team of a major US bank.

She practices in banking and finance, capital markets and corporate law at the firm. Her experience consists of advising clients on multi-million and cross-jurisdictional syndicated and bilateral finance transactions, project finance, margin loan transactions, restructurings, derivatives and capital markets. She is also involved in a wide range of corporate and company law matters, advising clients on re-organizations and corporate restructurings, private equity transactions and M&As.

The portfolio of her clients include domestic financial institutions and corporations as well as major international banking institutions and multinational companies.



## Litigation - Nataly Partassidou

**Education:**

University of London (King's College), LL.B (Hons), University of London (King's College) LL.M in Banking and Finance Law, Barrister-at-Law

**Member:**

Cyprus Bar Association - Admitted in 2003

**Languages:**

Greek, English and French

**Practice Areas:**

Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation, Constitutional, Public and Administrative Law, Banking and Finance, Employment Law, Commercial Law, Contract Law, Company Law, Competition Law and Real Estate and Construction Law, Insolvency Law.

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Nataly Partassidou completed her vocational training with the law firm of Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC in the year 2002-2003 and since qualifying has become a prominent member of the litigation department. She has handled cases mainly before the Supreme Court of Cyprus at the first instance level as well as at appeal level, specialising in commercial disputes representing mostly corporate institutions and high net worth clients. Her experience also includes handling cases before the Tenders Review Authority on behalf of private clients against public sector decisions as well as before the Employment Tribunal, and the Rent Control Tribunal.

The portfolio of her clients includes Bank of Moscow, IBM SpA Italia, British American Tobacco, University of Cyprus, Merck Sharp and Dohme, National Bank of Greece, A. Panayides Contracting Ltd, Alkis H.Hadjikyriakos (Frou Frou Biscuits) Public Ltd, as well as other local, foreign entities and international clients.

## Litigation - Christina Kotsapa

**Education:**

University of Bristol (LL.B. Hons) Inns of Court School of Law, City University (Bar Vocational Course)

**Member:**

Cyprus Bar Association – Admitted in 2004

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**Practice Areas:**

Banking & Finance, Employment Law, Real Estate & Construction Law, Contract Law, General Corporate & Commercial Law, Competition Law, Insolvency Law, Trusts Law.

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Christina Kotsapa completed her vocational training with the law firm of Antis Triantafyllides & Sons LLC in the year 2003-2004 and since qualifying has been practicing at the litigation department of the firm. Her experience consists of advising and representing clients in a wide range of commercial disputes, satellite litigations, contractual and property related claims. She has extensive experience in banking litigation that includes handling claims on behalf of banking institutions, corporate and individual clients as well as representing clients against the Central Bank of Cyprus. Her knowledge and expertise also extends to seeking interim measures and worldwide freezing injunctions before the Cyprus Courts to prohibit alienation of assets as well as seeking the enforcement and execution of Cypriot and foreign judgments.

The Portfolio of her foreign clients included Bank of Moscow Group, VTB Bank Group, Central European Bank, Nanoenergo Investment Fund, Petrochemical Holding GmbH, Renaissance Group, Acer Group. Her portfolio of domestic clients included Demetra Investments Public Company Ltd UPM Ltd, D.J. Demades & Sons Ltd, A. Panayides Contracting Ltd, A. Aristotelous Construction Ltd, National Bank of Greece, Pireos Bank, Unicars Group, as well as other international investment funds and companies regulated by the Central Bank and the Cyprus Securities Commission.

# Litigation - Marlen Triantafyllides

**Education:**

Imperial College London (BSc Mathematics (HONS), MSc Mathematics and Finance),  
The College of Law, London (LL.B Law (HONS),  
LPC)

**Member:**

Cyprus Bar Association - Admitted in 2012

**Languages:**

Greek, English and French

**Practice Areas:**

Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation,  
Constitutional, Public and Administrative  
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