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GRATA International ranked by Legal 500 EMEA 2023 as a top law firm in Europe, Middle East, and Africa

On April 12, 2023, Legal 500, a global legal directory, released its rankings of leading law firms and lawyers in Europe, Middle East and Africa Legal 500 EMEA 2023.

The rankings reveal that GRATA International has maintained its success from the previous year, with strong rankings in [Azerbaijan](#), [Georgia](#), [Kazakhstan](#), [Tajikistan](#), [Turkey](#) and [Uzbekistan](#).

The team of Baku office has received recognition as one of the leading firms in Azerbaijan and has been ranked in Tier 3. The team has been praised by researchers for their full-service offering in Azerbaijan, and individual credit has been given to their dedication, commitment, and care for their clients.

In Tbilisi, Commercial, Corporate and M&A practice is firmly positioned in Tier 3, and is led by [Irakli Kordzakhia](#) and [Sofia Roinishvili](#). Clients have noted that the office has a “supportive and attentive team”, and have successfully mentioned that “[Irakli Kordzakhia](#) and [Nanuka Chkuaseli](#) are solution-oriented professionals.”

Dispute Resolution team of GRATA International Georgia has been recognized for representing clients in complex commercial, administrative and tax disputes, and has become increasingly involved in international arbitration. They have been placed in Tier 2.

In Kazakhstan, the Commercial, Corporate and M&A practice has been ranked in Tier 1. [Igor Lukin](#), partner in the practice, has been placed in “Next Generation Partners” category. Clients have praised Igor Lukin, stating that he “[...] is the point of contact. He has knowledge and experience and is a safe pair of hands in Almaty for European and US-based companies.”

GRATA's Energy & Natural Resources team has achieved a Tier 1 ranking, with an excellent reputation in large-scale downstream and upstream projects. The team has been praised by researchers for its professional work and its ability to provide international support to clients outside Kazakhstan. Additionally, [Maxim Burak](#), partner at GRATA International, has been ranked among the leading individuals.

The Real Estate and Construction practice has been placed in Tier 1, with [Yerzhan Yessimkhanov](#) recognized as a Leading Individual and [Darya Zhanybayeva](#) ranked in “Next Generation Partners” category.

[Assel Ilyassova](#) leads the Tax and Customs practice, which has also achieved a Tier 1 ranking. Assel Ilyassova has been recognized as a Leading Individual. The team has been noted for providing “timely, qualified responses to [client] requests. If necessary, the team take an active role in [client's] meetings to clarify the questions. Most recently, the team conducted training for [client's] company on the topic of anti-corruption law, which was very interesting and useful.”

GRATA International's Banking & Finance team, led by [Shaimerden Chikanayev](#) and [Marina Kahiani](#), has achieved a Tier 2 ranking. Clients have praised “the team [for being] responsive and knowledgeable.”

The Dispute Resolution practice at GRATA International in Kazakhstan has been placed in Tier 2, with the team having extensive experience in construction, commercial and employment litigation. They represent clients in both Kazakh and international courts, including arbitral tribunals.

GRATA International's IP practice, led by counsel [Timur Berekmoinov](#), specializes in trademarks, patents, copyrights, inventions, utility models and industrial designs, and has achieved a Tier 2 ranking.

GRATA International's Dushanbe office has maintained its Tier 2 ratings in Tajikistan, with the team being praised for their dedication and ability to handle unexpected issues. [Kamoliddin Mukhamedov](#) has been ranked as Leading Individual, with a source describing him as highly operative.

The Commercial, Corporate and M&A practice in Turkey has obtained a Tier 5 ranking for its expertise in providing corporate transaction advice with a commercial perspective. The team has the capability to offer guidance to companies across different industries that are involved in either buying or selling processes.

In Uzbekistan, GRATA International has achieved a Tier 1 ranking, with the Tashkent office offering a full-service of services including project finance, corporate and M&A, taxation, litigation and intellectual property. The team has worked with clients in various industries, including oil and gas, mining, hospitality, banking, construction, and technology. Clients have highlighted the team for their high-quality services and responsiveness, with particular praise given to [Bakhodir Jabborov](#), who has been ranked as a Leading Individual.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2023 rankings have confirmed GRATA International's role as one of the market leaders in the region.

Practice areas

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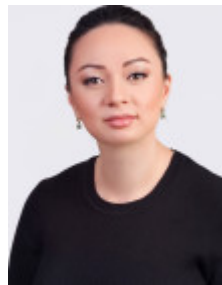
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