

S.A. EVANGELOU & CO LLC ADVOCATES

The PwC Network Legal Practice in Cyprus.

S.A. Evangelou & Co LLC is the PwC Network Legal Practice in Cyprus. It is a full member firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited (PwCIL) and its Global Legal Services Network.

PwC was the first big international firm to expand its legal services network in Cyprus in 2008. Today the legal network is the largest in the world by geographic coverage, with 3,500 lawyers in more than 95 countries. Over the years, our Practice has built a very strong and well-recognised expertise in corporate and private client work. We are engaged by big international and local clients, multinationals and professionals in major structuring, restructuring and other transactional work. We are regularly engaged by clients who wish to plan and organise their succession in terms of their family business and estate. *Chambers HNW 2019* ranked our Practice in band 1 in this category and acknowledged that we are recognised in the market as “the leader in this sector”.

At our Practice we make sure that equal opportunities and inclusiveness are a key part of our business strategy. We invest in people and we focus on developing them to become the next-generation leaders. Our Practice has a total of 33 lawyers, including two partners, two directors and nine other senior lawyers.

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO LEGAL SERVICES

The PwC purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems. We seek to do this in all the services that PwC member firms provide – including legal.

In the modern, vague, uncertain, complex and ambiguous global business world, clients want effective solutions to their portfolio of legal work. For each important problem a client faces, we can bring together the right mix of lawyers, consultants and financial advisers to help the client develop an efficient and commercially viable solution. This approach gives the client an end-to-end service without friction/handover

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OUR SERVICES

The service offering capability of the PwC global legal services network covers all the needs of multinationals, corporate and private clients such as core corporate matters, international business reorganisations, employment, immigration, entity governance and compliance, real estate and private client work. In Cyprus, our Practice has a wide-ranging service offering capability.

Corporate Law and Business Reorganisations

We apply a multi-disciplined approach to international legal and tax developments. We assist local and multinational groups in rationalising their structures, integrating and/or segregating lines of business, effecting cross-border and local mergers, upstream and downstream, demergers and spinoffs, redomiciliations of companies and SEs to and from Cyprus. We also provide legal services in respect of the whole spectrum of corporate law in:

- M & A transactions
- Setting up and regulating private companies, joint ventures and other forms of businesses
- Finance and refinance transactions
- Winding up of corporate and other business structures



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From left to right:
Spyros Evangelou - Partner in Charge of Legal Practice
Michael Tsikouris - Partner
Panayiotis Panayides - Director
Nayia Ziourti - Director



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- Shareholders' and minority rights disputes

Private Client Work

We advise and represent local and international clients in relation to succession matters, including complex cross-border affairs. We provide A to Z support to our clients who wish to set up trusts, other private holding structures or make wills. We also provide specialised advice to clients who wish to put in place sophisticated trusts and private holding structures with the use of watchdog and other oversight mechanisms, family protocols and governance.

Other Legal Services

In addition to our general legal support and assistance service offering capability, we have built strong expertise in:

- Tax Disputes and Litigation
- Employment Law (including the setting up of employee benefit schemes)
- Privacy and Data Protection Law
- Alternative Investment Funds and MIFID II
- Real Estate

OUR PARTNERS AND DIRECTORS

**Spyros Evangelou
Partner in Charge of Legal Practice**

Spyros has an LL.B. (Hons), he is a Barrister of Gray's Inn and a TEP. He has been in private practice since 1991. Before returning to Cyprus, Spyros acquired working experience and practicing qualification in England. He has a special interest in Trusts and has been advising clients in organising and planning their succession by setting up trusts and other personal holding structures.

**Michael Tsikouris
Partner**

Michael has an LL.B. (Hons) from the University of Bristol and an LL.M. (Master of Corporate and Commercial Law) from the LSE. Michael has more than 10 years post qualification experience and joined the Practice soon after his training. Michael is our leading practitioner in the international business reorganisation team and specialises in mergers and

reorganisations, international group and debt restructurings.

**Panayiotis Panayides
Director**

Panayiotis holds an LL.B. (Hons) (University of Leicester), an LLM in European Union Law (UCL), and he qualified as a Barrister in England. He has more than 15 years' post-qualification experience and is our leading practitioner in M&A and transactional work.

**Nayia Ziourti
Director**

Nayia holds an LL.B. from the University of Warwick and an LLM (Corporate Finance) from the LSE. She completed the Legal Practice Course in London and holds the CySEC Advanced Certification. She has more than 10 years' post-qualification experience, including the time she worked at CySEC. Nayia is leading our team providing legal support and assistance to regulated entities and clients setting up AIFs and has a special interest in MIFID II.

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