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# Dispute Resolution

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Our dispute resolution practice has an outstanding track record for successfully representing our diverse client base in high-stake complex domestic and international disputes pending before state courts or arbitral tribunals. Our dedicated dispute resolution team comprises of talented lawyers with stellar academic backgrounds in civil procedure and arbitration, and is led by seasoned practitioners with vast litigation experience. It was further bolstered by the lateral hire, in 2022, of its new head, Asc. Professor Dimitris Babiniotis, who is considered amongst the leading litigation and arbitration practitioners in Greece. Our team litigates and arbitrates disputes across a wide range of industry sectors, including, amongst others, construction and energy disputes, disputes arising under distribution, agency and franchise agreements, disputes arising under complex financing transactions, corporate disputes and M&A related disputes. Our clientele is comprised of leading Greek and foreign corporations, many of them multinational, as well as state owned entities and private individuals. In cases requiring extremely specialised industry expertise our litigation team is able to draw on the knowledge of experts from the relevant dedicated firm practices, i.e., amongst others, banking and finance, corporate and M&A, pharma, real estate and infrastructure, energy and public procurement, and tax.



	State Court litigation	Arbitration
PRACTICE AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>/ Supreme Court advocacy</li> <li>/ Appellate advocacy</li> <li>/ Arbitration related State Court litigation</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>/ Energy litigation and arbitration</li> <li>/ Construction arbitration</li> <li>/ Agency, Distribution and Franchise litigation and arbitration</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>/ Unfair and free competition litigation</li> <li>/ Business tort litigation</li> <li>/ Product liability litigation</li> <li>/ Debt recovery and enforcement litigation: Pharma claims against state entities</li> <li>/ Insolvency litigation</li> <li>/ Data protection litigation</li> <li>/ Employment litigation</li> <li>/ Intellectual property litigation</li> <li>/ Real estate litigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>/ Investment arbitration</li> <li>/ Public / Private contracts arbitration</li> </ul>

## Areas of Expertise

### **Supreme Court litigation**

Supreme Court advocacy is a pillar of our dispute resolution practice. Our specialist lawyers are consistently retained to represent Greek and foreign clients in Supreme Court proceedings, having secured numerous favourable judgements over the years. The head of our dispute resolution practice is considered an expert in Supreme Court litigation, having published extensively in the field, while our senior partners are valued for their in-depth knowledge of the law of cassation having argued numerous high-stake cases.

### **Arbitration**

We have vast experience in advising and representing clients in international and domestic arbitration proceedings, both institutional and ad hoc. Our dedicated arbitration team handles disputes in all key industry sectors, including construction and infrastructure, energy and financial services. Our arbitration experts also regularly advise clients entering into public-private contracts on the complexities triggered by the involvement of the Greek State, and of financiers having drafted highly sophisticated multiparty arbitration agreements.

### **Arbitration related litigation**

We have extensive experience in arbitration-related court proceedings, including proceedings for the annulment of arbitral awards and recognition and enforcement under the NYC convention.

### **Civil, commercial & corporate litigation**

We have a strong track-record in successfully representing clients in complex court litigation proceedings before state courts in a wide range of civil, commercial and corporate disputes, both domestic and international. The cases we handle include, inter alia, disputes stemming from complex business and finance transactions, tort disputes, shareholder litigation, disputes related to termination of agency, distribution and franchise agreements, property disputes and competition litigation.

### **Financial Markets and Banking Litigation**

Our lawyers regularly represent banks, financial institutions, funds and public companies in complex financial disputes. Our experience includes advising and representing clients on cases involving guarantees, performance bonds, security enforcement issues, complex financial products, financial services transactions and financial fraud disputes.

### **Product liability litigation**

Our team has extensive experience in complex product liability litigation and regularly provides advice to an international roster of clients. We have successfully handled product liability cases arising from the life sciences and healthcare industry, food & beverage, retail, transport (including shipping vessels, aircraft, motorcycles), manufacturing and electronics, in cooperation with our thriving corporate law practices.

### **Enforcement litigation**

We take great care to devise effective result-oriented enforcement strategies for the recovery of awarded claims. Our litigation team has an impeccable record as regards asset tracing and successful enforcement proceedings.

### **Insolvency litigation**

We represent and regularly advise clients in insolvency proceedings, including bankruptcy, liquidation and pre-bankruptcy proceedings against their debtors. Our experience as successful advocates balances with our commercially oriented, practical approach in order to help our clients assess the available options and safeguard their rights.

### **Administrative litigation**

Our clients rely on us for representation in administrative litigation. We handle disputes before the administrative authorities and courts against the Greek State, state-owned entities and state authorities, in a wide range of matters including fines from regulators and governmental authorities, disputes related to public procurement, competition and state aid, as well as disputes related to specific industries such as energy, healthcare, tourism & leisure, retail, games & betting, food & beverage, capital markets and telecoms.

### **Real estate litigation**

Through our interdisciplinary approach and our close cooperation with our real estate practice, we are uniquely positioned to represent clients in property disputes relating to large portfolios of varied assets across different jurisdictions, as well as disputes related to commercial leases and project financing.

### **Employment & labour litigation**

We have experience in representing employers in employment law disputes, including cases related to undue termination, executive termination, compensatory claims and collective redundancy claims.

### **Intellectual property litigation**

We regularly represent clients in intellectual property matters before the state courts in main litigation instances and interim measures proceedings. We have successfully defended our clients, leading luxury retailers, in a number of cases involving counterfeit goods.

### **White collar & financial crime**

Our firm has a strong record in successfully handling white collar and financial crime cases before the courts and investigating authorities. Our criminal law experts have an in-depth understanding of criminal law and the intricacies involved when handling criminal cases considering the relevant administrative, tax, insurance or financial regulatory frameworks.



## Key contacts



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Established in 1893, Zepos & Yannopoulos is one of the leading and largest Law firms in Greece providing comprehensive legal and tax services to companies conducting business in Greece.

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