



Meet the Central Asia Delegation

In 2014, the Law Society of England and Wales organised visits to Turkey, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan for our members to explore business opportunities and make contacts in new markets. In 2015, we joined the Lord Mayor's visit to Azerbaijan and organise a Central Asian inward trade mission.

This year's trade mission gives opportunity to Central Asian delegates to learn more about the financial services and energy markets from the English and Welsh legal perspective. Delegates have a chance to arrange one to one meetings with law firms and network at their offices in London. Representatives also gain knowledge about practice rights in England and Wales; how to open up a business in the UK and how to qualify as a foreign lawyer.

Delegates of the trade mission also participate in **International Marketplace 'Doing legal business in Central Asia' session**. Experienced speakers from leading Kazakh law firms will talk about new business opportunities; the legal and regulatory framework; fraud, corruption and business transparency, and enforceability of English judgement in jurisdictions concerning the wider region. During the interactive session, the audience will have opportunity to ask questions and share own expertise.



AEQUITAS Law Firm

AEQUITAS Law Firm was established in January 1993 and is one of Kazakhstan's leading law firms whose reputation is widely appreciated in the global market of legal advisory services. For many years AEQUITAS has been one of Kazakhstan's most recommended law firms by leading international legal guides and publications, including Chambers & Partners, Who's Who Legal, Legal 500, Asia Law Profile, Best Lawyers and IFLR1000, its partners and associates being most recommended in the M&A, Natural Resources, Banking, Capital Markets and other areas.

AEQUITAS provides a full spectrum of business legal support services and enjoys a high professional reputation amongst its clients and colleagues. The firm's clients are major international and local companies and corporations.

AEQUITAS lawyers have been actively participating in the development and improvement of the most important legislative acts governing market relations and business activities in Kazakhstan, which allows the firm not only to keep abreast of potential amendments in legislation, but also to influence, to a certain extent, the making of the rules of the game.

Delegate:

Valikan SHAIKENOV

Partner at Aequitas





Artyushenko and Partners

Artyushenko & Partners legal consulting company focuses both on the provision of services and the development of specific solutions; which is why we delve into the essence of our clients' businesses, to understand their ultimate goals and desired results.

We have been practising law in Kazakhstan since 2005 and we are the only real estate law firm in Kazakhstan. This allows us to provide tailored real-estate and related services, real estate construction and management, real estate deals, legal due diligence, second opinions and legal memos, litigation, corporate and investment law.

Our firm has extensive experience in EPC and other FIDIC-based contracts support, including construction and design developments licensing, establishing construction and design service companies and branches in Kazakhstan.

Main "Artyushenko & Partners" principles:

- Confidentiality
- Legal validity
- Responsibility
- Objectivity

Our lawyers are members of the Kazakhstan Bar Association, the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES), the American Bar Association, the International Bar Association, and Society of Construction Law.

Delegate:

Andrey ARTUSHENKO

Managing Partner and Founder of Artyushenko & Partners





Colibri Kazakhstan

Colibri Kazakhstan law firm is a team of highly qualified lawyers assisting its clients with operation in variety of sectors, including oil & gas, mining, banking & finance, infrastructure & PPP, energy & environment, telecommunications & technologies.

The firm's lawyers have been at the forefront of the development of the legislative system of Kazakhstan and participated in drafting of more than 90 legislative acts of the Republic. The Firm's legal professionals have extensive experience in international transactions and in working with foreign and local companies, Government and State agencies of the Republic of Kazakhstan, multinational corporations and financial institutions (such as EBRD, IFC, ADB, Biersdorf, Shell, Chevron, National Company KazMunaiGas, JSC "Samruk – Energy" and others).

We have recent experience in representing EBRD along with the Government of Kazakhstan in relation to major infrastructure projects in Kazakhstan, including transport infrastructure (BAKAD, Western Europe-Western China road corridors), reformation of tariff regulations of Kazakhstan, privatisation and many others.

Within a short period of time the firm has gained a positive reputation among colleagues, clients and even competitors. It develops its expertise in all areas, actively participates in the law-making initiative, and contributes to the development of the legal system of Kazakhstan.

Delegate:

Zhanar ADULLAYEVA

Partner, Mining, Oil & Gas, Corporate & Commercial Law at Colibri Kazakhstan





Colibri Law

COLIBRI LAW

Colibri is a single partnership, and as a leading pan-regional law firm we base our work on the key principles of industrial focus and client satisfaction. Our primary focus is meeting the needs and promoting the interests of our clients in a sustainable and socially responsible way. We believe that this is the founding principle of our firm, and what makes our clients consistently trust us with their most important projects and transactions.

Colibri has advised on complex transactions across the Central Asia and Caucasus regions, working with clients on pioneering projects that range from multi-billion dollar energy projects to ground-breaking public-private partnership projects.

Our team has extensive experience and specialised expertise in a wide range of practice areas, and our lawyers work together in combining their deep market knowledge in order to best meet the diverse needs of our clients.

Colibri's lawyers come from different cultures, industries and backgrounds, and most of our partners and associates studied at prestigious law schools, including in the USA, UK and Germany, before gaining valuable experience within international law firms.

Delegates:

Otabek SULEIMANOV

Partner at Colibri Law

Zosia DEMKOWICZ

Head of Business Development and
Marketing USA & UK at Colibri Law





Nazkhanov and Partners

Nazkhanov and Partners firm of attorneys was founded in 2008 and is one of the leading litigation law firms in Almaty. We specialise in providing legal assistance to individuals and legal entities.

We have earned our reputation as litigation experts who deliver excellent results and exceptional service to our clients. Our lawyers are known for their skills in representing our clients at trials, arbitrations, mediations and appeals.

The partnership consists of nine lawyers with experience from 15 to 35 years including former judges, officers of law enforcement, professionals with extensive practical experience in various areas of criminal and civil law.

The narrow specialisation in certain categories of judicial practice allows us to offer better services to our customers.

Our participation in the development of legal acts and laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as regular engagement in round tables, conferences and forums, confirms the high level of training of our lawyers.

Delegate:

Tair NAZKHANOV

Managing Partner at Nazkhanov and Partners





Sayat Zholshy & Partners

We started our business in Almaty on 25 December 1998. Since then time we have proven our worth as a high quality professional service team meeting international standards .

For the most efficient representation and timely legal support of our clients in Kazakhstan, we have an office in Almaty, the key city of Kazakhstan. The office is located downtown for convenience of our clients. However, when our clients need our presence in other regions of Kazakhstan or abroad, we send our employees wherever is necessary.

Our Firm comprises the Managing Partner, 5 Partners, 5 Senior Associates and 9 Associates educated in Kazakhstan, Russia, USA, Germany and Poland. Our Partners lecture at universities in Kazakhstan and have had their works published in leading print and digital magazines.

The majority of our employees have a good command of the Kazakh, Russian and English languages, and some of them speak German and Polish. Moreover, our professional translators ensure high quality translation of legal documents.

Sayat Zholshy & Partners initiated and co-founded the Kazakhstan Association of Taxpayers which, nowadays, is a renowned public organisation actively protecting the taxpayers' interests in the Kazakhstan Parliament, Government and other public agencies .

At the end of 2012, Sayat Zholshy & Partners was selected as a partner of International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Doing Business 2013, an annual review performed by the World Bank. IFC delivered letters of gratitude and privilege to five SZP employees who contributed to the project most of all.

Delegate:

Askhad KOSHKARBAYEV

Partner at Sayat Zholshy & Partners





Signum Law Firm

SIGNUM Law Firm is an independent law firm based in Almaty, servicing domestic and international clients. Having years of practice lawyers of SIGNUM offer clients comprehensive professional advice on corporate, commercial, taxation, licensing and other matters.

We seek to deliver our services in a creative, professional and constructive manner, leading our clients to success. We pride ourselves on our extensive and expanding client base. That being said, we recognize that each of our clients is unique with particular business concerns.

We are specialised in corporate law, Mergers and Acquisitions, contracts and business law, dispute resolution and litigation, regulatory compliance and environment, finance and tax, employment and labour, subsurface use and corporate investigations.

We represent clients in the energy and natural resources, mining, construction and real estate, financial institutions, telecommunication and transport, non-commercial organisations, manufacturing industry, trade and services and the pharmaceutical sectors.

Delegate:

Liza ZHUMAKHMETOVA

Partner at Signum Law Firm





Upcoming events in the CIS region in 2015:

- **Turkey as a gateway to Central Asia seminar in Istanbul**
15 September 2015
We are organising a seminar in Istanbul promoting our members expertise and the business opportunities in the region. There will be a number of speaking opportunities available to members at this event.
- **Eurolawyer 2015 in London**
24-15 November 2015
We are pleased to confirm that the 'Eurolawyer 2015' conference will take place in London from 24 to 25 November. This two-day legal forum is designed to promote cooperation between leading CIS and EU legal practitioners.
- **English Law Week in Moscow**
30 November - 2 December 2015
The Law Society in partnership with the Bar Council of England and Wales and the two bilateral organisations will be organising the third event in Moscow. There will be a number of speaking opportunities available to members at this event.

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