

Member Profile | Alexandros Gavrielides

Alexandros Gavrielides is a Partner at **SCORDIS, PAPAPETROU & Co LLC** since 2005. He has more than 20 years' experience in handling complex civil and commercial litigation.

He is frequently consulted by international law firms in relation to commercial and corporate proceedings brought or intended to be brought in Cyprus and has acted and given evidence as an Expert on Cypriot law and civil procedure on a number of occasions, including in proceedings before the English High Court ([*Kazakhstan Kagazy Plc & Ors v Zhunus & Ors* \[2020\] EWHC 698 \(Comm\)](#); [*Kazakhstan Kagazy Plc & Ors v Zhunus & Ors* \[2021\] EWHC 3462 \(Comm\) \(21 December 2021\)](#)) and international arbitral proceedings.

Areas of Practice:

- Commercial Litigation
- Civil fraud and asset tracing and preservation
- Multijurisdictional disputes
- Enforcement of foreign judgements
- Corporate disputes
- Public procurement

Languages:

- Greek
- English
- French

Major Engagements:

- Acted as counsel for the Plaintiffs, together with former Attorney-General Mr. Alecos Markides, in the landmark case of Joseph P. Lasala and Fred S. Zeidman as Co-Trustees of the AremisSoft Corporation Liquidating Trust v. Lycourgos Kyprianou and others whereby damages exceeding US\$600.000.000 and orders for the tracing of assets were sought in connection with a stock market fraud allegedly committed by the Defendants in the United States. The case is the first case in which the Cypriot courts recognised the title and standing of trustees appointed by the competent US Courts under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code and also the first case in which the Supreme Court of Cyprus recognised the jurisdiction and power of the Cypriot Courts to issue worldwide freezing orders as well as interlocutory orders for the disclosure of assets (2005-2009).
- Acted in Cyprus as counsel for JSC BTA Bank of Kazakhstan in a multi-jurisdictional dispute concerning allegations of fraud against the bank's former owner and his associates. Successfully applied for a series of freezing orders, disclosure orders, search orders and other interim relief in support of proceedings in the UK as well as for orders for the recognition and enforcement in Cyprus of orders and judgments issued by the English High Court (2009-2015).
- Acted as counsel in large number of disputes between the shareholders of Cypriot companies which involved winding up petitions, petitions for alternative relief on the ground of minority oppression, derivative actions against the directors and the majority shareholders claiming relief for breach of fiduciary duties and dishonest assistance (2004 - 2023).
- Acted as counsel for Gramercy Fund Management LLC and a number of other US Funds in a claim for damages in excess of US\$79 million against a Cypriot company and its beneficial owner (a very well-known Ukrainian entrepreneur) for losses caused to the Funds as lawful holders of promissory notes issued by another Cypriot company as a result of a conspiracy which involved, among other things, the stripping of the assets of the issuer of the notes and their transfer to other entities ultimately owned and/or controlled by the same beneficial owner.

- Acting as counsel for JSC Commercial Bank “PRIVATBANK” in a highly complex claim for damages in excess of US\$2.8 billion (excluding interest) and other relief against the bank’s former owners and other parties (2019-).
- Acting as counsel for PJSC National Bank “TRUST” in a multi-million claim against the former owners of PJSC Promsvyazbank and their spouses, involving allegations of misappropriation of funds in the form of fraudulent loans advanced to entities controlled by or affiliated with the Bank’s former owners.
- Acting as counsel for the joint administrators of the estate of a Russian businessman (appointed on the basis of a limited grant) in highly complex €260 million dispute with the businessman’s former business partner and a well-known Cypriot corporate service provider. The dispute concerns the misappropriation of the deceased businessman’s share in the beneficial ownership of a major coal-mining business in Russia.
- Acting as counsel for Nintendo Limited in an application for Norwich Pharmacal Orders requiring a number of Cypriot banks to disclose information and documents relating to the identity and transactions of clients of the bank suspected of being part of an international syndicate involved in activities infringing the applicant’s intellectual property rights.
- Acting as counsel for one of the leading construction companies in Cyprus in hotly-contested proceedings against the owner of a landmark high-rise building in Limassol constructed by the client and the building’s Architect. The case raises novel legal issues, including issues relating to the employer’s and the Architect’s implied duties vis a vis the contractor under a FIDIC construction contract and issues relating to the calculation and proof of delay damages and prolongation costs.

Academic & Professional Qualifications:

- B.A. (Jurisprudence) (First Class Honours), University of Oxford (1999)
- B.C.L, University of Oxford (2000)
- Bar Vocational Course (BVC), Inns of Court School of Law (2001)
- Advocate (Cyprus) (2002)