

Member Profile | Demetris Yiannakou

Demetris Yiannakou joined **SCORDIS, PAPAPETROU & Co LLC** as an Associate lawyer in 2023 and has, since then, gained experience in arbitration as well as in civil and construction litigation matters. He regularly represents clients in court proceedings.

His resume includes handling high-profile multi-million cases concerning complex legal issues arising, inter alia, from construction contracts and multi-jurisdictional disputes. Some of his recent litigation engagements include acting for one of Cyprus' leading construction companies in several litigation matters including securing a court order preventing the opposing party from liquidating the €1.600.000 performance bond under the contract. He has also acted on behalf of a multinational company in a dispute involving the recovery of funds valued at over \$65.000.000.

He is also an accredited Arbitrator and Mediator for civil and commercial disputes.

Areas of practice:

- Corporate and Commercial Litigation
- Multi-jurisdictional disputes
- Civil fraud
- Public Procurement
- Construction Law

Languages:

- Greek
- English
- French (basic)

Memberships:

- Cyprus Bar Association
- Nicosia Bar Association
- Accredited Mediator and Conciliator for civil and commercial disputes (Cyprus Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution)
- Accredited Arbitrator (Cyprus Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Major engagements:

- Acted and continuing to act as a member of the team representing the claimant, a multinational company, in a case concerning the infringement of the claimant's intellectual property rights and the issuance of a Norwich Pharmacal-type disclosure order in a dispute involving the recovery of funds valued at over \$65.000.000.
- Acted and continuing to act as a key member of the team representing the interests of one of the leading construction companies in Cyprus concerning the liquidation of the €1.640.000 performance bond guarantee under the contract and the application for a freezing order against the defendants with respect to their assets with a total value of €10.000.000.
- Acted and continuing to act as a member of the local counsel team for a casino resort in Cyprus, providing ongoing legal advice in relation to compliance with casino gaming laws and regulations and other matters pertaining to employment law.
- Negotiated, advised and drafted a request for arbitration under the ICC Rules as well as a settlement agreement for a multinational information technology company.
- Acting as a counsel to the proceedings of defending a defendant for an alleged breach of contract.

- Successfully defending a partnership and set aside the judgment of the court (in the context of which the claimant obtained a judgment in default of appearance against the partnership/defendant).
- Acted as a member of the team representing a Russian bank in a major civil fraud case.
- Engaged in advisory work for one of the biggest dairy companies in Cyprus.

Publications:

- Contributed to the Cypriot chapter for Chambers Litigation 2025 Guide

Academic & Professional Qualifications:

- LL. B (Honours), University of Essex College (2020)
- LL. M (Honours) (Corporate Law), University College London (2021).
- MBA (Master of Business Administration), 2023
- Advocate (Cyprus) (2023)