

Member Profile | Michalis Markou

Michalis Markou is a Senior Associate of **SCORDIS, PAPAPETROU & Co LLC** which he originally joined in 2013 as an associate.

Areas of Practice:

- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Contract law
- Corporate and civil fraud litigation
- Administrative litigation
- Employment law
- Immovable property
- Banking law
- Admiralty law

Languages:

- Greek
- English

Major Engagements:

- Acted as member of a team of lawyers acting for Russian bank as Defendants/Respondents in a major dispute regarding a fraud claim including freezing of assets and disclosure of assets worth €202 million. Case was dismissed.
- Acted as member of a team of lawyers acting for a Cypriot Company of Russian interests in a major dispute with a Russian Bank involving claims totalling \$2 billion as well as highly contentious and complex interim proceedings pertaining to Norwich Pharmacal (Disclosure) Orders and Gagging Orders. Cases settled successfully in the context of a global settlement.
- Acted as counsel of a number of Cypriot individuals in a dispute regarding the filing of a probate action and obtained freezing order against the Defendants. The claim was exceeding the amount of €10 million. Case settled successfully.
- Acted as member of a team of lawyers acting for a number of Cypriot companies of Russian interests in a major dispute with a Cypriot public energy company listed on the London Stock Exchange involving claims and counterclaims totaling \$52 million as well as highly contentious and complex interim proceedings pertaining to Freezing Orders, Prohibitive Orders, Norwich Pharmacal (Disclosure) Orders and Gagging Orders as well as recognition of foreign arbitral award proceedings, proceedings pertaining to fraud, Derivative actions and abuse of minority rights. Cases settled successfully in the context of a global settlement.
- Acted as counsel of a foreign bank as Claimants in an admiralty action against the ship-owner company and the ship for the enforcement of a mortgage over ship in respect of liabilities of the ship-owners towards the bank over €1.7 million. The claim succeeded.
- Acted as member of a team of lawyers acting for a Cypriot Company of Ukrainian interests in a major dispute with another Cypriot Company acting as trustee of other Ukrainian interests and which involved claims totaling USD\$370 million under highly contentious and complex proceedings pertaining to fraud as well as interim proceedings pertaining to Prohibitive Orders, appointment of Interim Receiver Order, application for the appointment of an Inspector.
- Acted as counsel of a Cypriot individual who successfully appealed in a criminal case for a dishonoured cheque which became a leading authority on the said matter.
- Acted as part of the legal team on the proceedings for the regaining of possession of a client's residence valued over €6 million following a tenancy dispute.

- Acted for two individuals in legal proceedings and claims that were raised against them before the courts of Cyprus for amounts totalling €1.5 million of and which concern allegations of conspiracy and fraud and which involved a number of interim proceedings and freezing injunctions which were successfully annulled. The action is pending.
- Acted as counsel of a Cypriot Company who filed a liquidation application against a Publisher Company, owner of the well known daily newspaper “POLITIS”, for a claim totalling €130.000. The Respondents’ application to set aside the liquidation application was dismissed after hearing and the case was afterwards settled successfully.
- Acting as counsel on behalf of the UBO of a Cypriot company for whose benefit a share pledge was concluded to secure a loan granted by him in the amount of \$12 million to a Russian national after obtaining permission to intervene and applying for the annulment of interim injunctions including an order for the appointment of an interim receiver in the context of the procedure for the recognition and enforcement of a foreign arbitral award which was filed against the debtor by a bank of Russian interests for a debt assigned to the debtor. Filing of a lawsuit on behalf of the client against, inter alia, the debtor, the pledgor, the Bank, the Interim Receiver, seeking, inter alia, declarations that the share pledge is valid, compensation for the debt and recovery of the proceeds from the sale of the property in Germany owned by the company whose shares were pledged for the benefit of the client.

Academic & Professional Qualifications:

- Law Degree, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- Advocate (Cyprus) (1998)
- Certified and Registered Civil Mediator (2020)
- Certified Family Mediator (2024)