

## Member Profile | **Andreas G. Michaelides**

**Andreas G. Michaelides** joined the firm of Michaelides & Michaelides, one of the oldest firms in Cyprus, as a trainee advocate in 1997 and he became a partner in 2004. He is currently a Partner in **SCORDIS, PAPAPETROU & Co LLC**, following the merger of Michaelides & Michaelides into Scordis, Papapetrou & Co on 1 January 2018.

Andreas has extensive experience in complex litigation with a multi-jurisdictional element involving multi-million claims in the courts Cyprus. He also handles a portfolio of corporate clients and high-net worth individuals and regularly advises corporate clients, including investment firms, fund managers and funds, in relation to regulatory, corporate and AML matters. He is an arbitrator and accredited mediator.

In January 2012 Andreas was elected President of the Limassol Bar Association. He served two terms in that position until October 2017. Furthermore he served as a member of the board of the Cyprus Bar Association from 2012 until 2023 and as a representative of the Cyprus Bar Association at the Council of the International Bar Association from 2014 until 2020. From 2020 until 2023 he was the information officer of the Cyprus Bar Association at the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE). In 2014 he was appointed by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus to the Panels of Arbitrators and Conciliators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and in 2021 he was appointed as Chairman of the Board of the Cyprus Arbitration and Mediation Centre. Andreas is also a member of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association.

From 2012 until 2023 Andreas regularly participated at the Advisory Authority for Combating Money Laundering, established by the Government of Cyprus under the AML legislation and during that period has been involved in the preparation of the domestic legislation implementing the EU AML directives in Cyprus. In 2019 he participated, as a representative of the Cyprus Bar Association, in the delegation of Cyprus for the purposes of the evaluation of Cyprus by the Committee of Experts of the Council of Europe on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (Moneyval).

### Areas of Practice:

- Civil and Commercial Litigation
- Arbitration and ADR
- Commercial and Corporate Law
- Regulatory, Governance, Compliance and AML.

### Languages:

- Greek
- English

### Major engagements:

- Acting for a major Ukrainian Bank in a highly complex claim in the Cypriot courts for damages in excess of USD 2.5 billion and other relief against the bank's former owners.
- Acting for National Bank Trust in a series of claims in the Cypriot courts, in excess of USD 600 million, against the bank's former owners involving allegations of misappropriation of funds.
- Defending two UK based individuals in a claim in the Cypriot courts for damages in excess of USD 65 million.
- Providing expert opinion on Cypriot law in a number of major investment treaty arbitrations and related proceedings.

- Advising a major international investment firm with presence in Cyprus, the UK, the US, Australia, Greece and the U.A.E. on legal and regulatory matters.
- Acting for the purchaser in a high profile multi-million transaction involving the purchase of one of the landmark hotels in Cyprus and a number of other properties in its vicinity.
- Acting for the purchaser in a high profile multi-million transaction of a major newspaper - media group in Cyprus.

Publications:

- Author of the Cyprus Chapter of Seafarers' Rights, Oxford University Press – 2005.

Academic & Professional Qualifications:

- LL. B, University of Bristol (1997)
- Advocate (Cyprus) (1999)