

KARATZAS & PARTNERS

Karatzas and Partners was established in 1963, and has since grown and expanded steadily. The firm offers legal services and advice as regards the entire spectrum of commercial and financial law, including banking and finance law, capital markets law, general corporate and commercial law, competition law/anti-trust, energy law, mergers and acquisitions, privatizations, project finance law, real estate law and telecommunications law. The litigation department of the firm represents clients in litigation before courts and arbitral tribunals touching upon all the above areas of law.

In view of its leading position in the Greek legal market, Karatzas and Partners is routinely rated by such legal directories as Chambers, Legal 500 and IFLR1000 as a first-tier firm, and its partners among the top lawyers in Greece.

Karatzas and Partners has received the American Lawyer Global Legal Awards Global Finance Deal of the Year for 2013 for Greece's Debt Restructuring and the Grand Prize 2013 for Global Finance, the Greek law firm of the year award by Chambers Europe in 2011 and 2015, the International Financial Law Review award for best Greek law firm in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016, the International Financial Law Review debt and equity-linked deal of the year in 2013, the International Financial Law Review European M&A deal of the year 2016 as well as the International Financial Law Review Europe Women in Business Law award for best Greek law firm in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The managing partner of the firm, Catherine Karatzas, was awarded the pan-European award in the category of financial regulation in the International Financial Law Review Europe Women in Business Law awards in 2015. This well-deserved award reflects the fact that she has participated and continues to participate in the most significant transactions for Greek economy and often for Greek national life. Recent and significant examples include, among others, the recapitalisation of National Bank of Greece, where she led the team advising the National Bank of Greece regarding its recapitalisation through a capital plan comprising of a liability management exercise and a share capital increase through a combination of private placement and public offering of new shares exceeding in total € 6 billion, and the structuring and establishment of the Greek NPL management platform of KKR in co-operation with Greek major banks and the EBRD.

As the head of one of the Greek top law firms, Catherine Karatzas was the first and remains the only representative of the female gender at the very top of the legal profession in the fields of financial and commercial law.