

em. Prof. Dr. Ioannis ROKAS

Founder and Senior Partner of *Rokas Law Firm*, coordinator of the *Rokas* network of independent law firms and legal consulting companies, which spread across the countries of the Central and SE European region ; emeritus Professor of Commercial & Business Law at Athens University of Economics & Business.

He is a graduate of University of Athens Law School (Diploma, 1968) and obtained his PhD degree in Insurance & Tort Law at the Free University of Berlin (Dr. Jur., 1975).

He has long and exceptional experience as a lawyer in: international arbitrations; mergers & acquisitions; privatizations; dispute resolutions (*Rokas* deemed «the leading Greek firm in dispute resolution» in a number of editions of «PLC Which Lawyer? Cross-border Dispute Resolution Handbooks», Practical Law Company. Ltd., London), particularly in the insurance field. He is denoted as the leading legal practitioner in Greece in Insurance and Reinsurance by the international Who's Who Legal.

Dr. Rokas and the partners and associates of the *Rokas* insurance and reinsurance team have been constantly involved in consulting and litigation including arbitration cases of numerous international and local insurance undertakings in the last thirty years, while consortia led by *Rokas (Athens)* have on many occasions been awarded European Commission funded programmes, i.e. on the establishment and organization of an independent insurance authority in Romania; on the complete re-drafting of all insurance legislation in Bosnia & Herzegovina (deemed to be the most successful ever in BiH by an independent monitor). *Rokas Law Firm* together with PWC and Standard & Poors, completed a project for the restructuring of the insurance sector in the Russian Federation.

Professional associations/memberships

Member of the Athens Bar Association, practising lawyer since 1971, authorized to appear before all Greek Courts, of all instances.

Honorary President of AIDA World and Member of the AIDA Europe Committee; President of the Hellenic Insurance Law Association (HILA); Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Italian book series 'Insurance Science'; Member of the Editorial Board of the European Insurance Law Review, AIDA Serbia Chapter.

Other memberships include, Comité Maritime Internationale: former General Secretary of the Greek Section; Member of the project group "Restatement of European Insurance Contract Law"; Mediterranean Maritime Arbitration Association: former Chairman; former President of the Private Insurance Committee, the Greek Ministry of Trade (that used to be the Supervisory Authority on Private Insurance in Greece); Chairman of Legislation & Drafting Committees for a number of Greek laws including the Committee for the new Insurance Contract Act, for the modernization of the Commercial Code, for the Law on Private Insurance Supervision, the Patent Law; former Vice-chairman of the Hellenic Committee for Electronic Commerce.

Areas of practice

Insurance Law; General Commercial Law; Banking Law; Admiralty and Maritime Law; Environmental Law; Business Law; Corporate Law; Mergers and Acquisitions; Arbitration Law, Central and East European Law.

Publications

Has published over 160 articles and legal opinions in Greek and foreign Law Reviews, comments on court decisions, as well as a number of monographs and academic books mainly on insurance law and further on maritime and other commercial law subjects.

Languages

Greek, German, English, French



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