



Omourtag M. Petkov

Admitted in New York and Bulgaria

Past Chairman of the British Bulgarian Business Association

Resume:

Omourtag M. Petkov is a partner at the law firm of Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov and Velichkov (“DGKV”).

Born in 1971 in Sofia, Omourtag received his legal education in France and in the United States (with a Fulbright Scholarship), spending also some time as a researcher at an international organization in the Netherlands. Omourtag was admitted to practice in New York in 2004 and started his career as a business lawyer in the USA.

In March 2003, Omourtag joined DGKV, the largest and one of the most prominent law firms in Bulgaria, consistently ranked as a top firm in most areas of business law by the most reputable legal rating agencies. In January 2008, Omourtag was elected partner and since then he has been a key member at the firm’s M&A and General Corporate Practice Group.

Omourtag has extensive expertise in joint ventures, concessions, contract law, bankruptcy proceedings and has been the lead counsel on some of the landmark M&A projects in Bulgaria. He also worked on the establishment of numerous joint ventures between foreign and Bulgarian investors developing industrial or real estate projects in Bulgaria. He has advised a good number of large clients on various matters, among which are: **ArcelorMittal Limited, RWE Power AG, EBRD, Merrill Lynch International (London), Progress Software, Hilton Hotels, Miller Developments, BAE Systems, TELUS International, Eurocopter (EADS), Northrop Grumman, Raytheon**, and many others, advising them on various acquisition and development projects and, more generally, on the different aspects of doing business in Bulgaria.

Outside his work for DGKV, Omourtag has been an active founding member of the British Bulgarian Business Association (“BBBA”), serving as its vice chairman from 2016 to 2017 and then chairman from 2017 to 2019. During his tenure at BBBA, Omourtag was particularly focused on judicial reform and rule of law issues in Bulgaria and had a lead role in the joint initiative in 2017 of the major foreign chambers of commerce in Bulgaria to advance the rule of law in the country.

Professional experience:

- Joined DGKV in 2003; Partner since 2008;
- Foreign Attorney Intern, Business Litigation Department, Sher, Garner, Cahill, Richter, Klein, McAlister & Hilbert, L.L.C., New Orleans, U.S.A. (2001-2002);
- Senior Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sofia, Bulgaria (2000);
- Law Clerk (internship), Sofia City Court (1999-2000);
- Research Assistant, Hague Conference on Private International Law, The Hague, The Netherlands, (1998);

Main focus areas:

M&A, Int’l Contracts,
Regulatory, NGOs,
Joint Ventures.

Other focus areas:

Rule of Law and Judicial
Reform,
Infrastructure.

Education

- Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, U.S.A. (LL.M., 2001),
Fulbright Fellow,
Guest-editor, Tulane Law Review,
Member, The Journal of American Arbitration,
Holland Award of the Institute of Int’l Education;
- Université de Bourgogne, Faculté de droit, Dijon, France (D.E.A. in Int’l Economic Law, 1997);
- Université d’Orléans, Faculté de droit, Orléans, France (Maîtrise in Business Law, 1996);
- The Hague Academy of International Law (Certificate in Private International Law, 1999)

Memberships and Positions:

- Past Chairman and Founding Member of the British Bulgarian Business Association;
- Past board member of BBCC.

Languages:

- English (fluent)
- French (fluent)
- Russian (working level)
- Bulgarian (native)

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- Visiting Researcher, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris – Poitiers, France (1997-1998).

Other professional experience:

- Active role in the joint initiative of all major foreign and bilateral chambers of commerce in Bulgaria focused on judicial reform and the rule of law in the country (May-June 2017);
- Speaker at numerous conferences focused on legal issues.

Professional Memberships: New York Bar, Sofia Bar Association.