



Legal advisory services

Our team at PricewaterhouseCoopers Legal Group in Baku offers wide-ranging professional law services vital for conducting business successfully in Azerbaijan.

Oil & gas, banking & finance, M&A, antitrust & competition, construction & infrastructure, contracts & real property, employment & immigration, telecom & IP, arbitration & litigation are just some of the key areas where our experienced and expertised team provides its support to foreign companies, as well as to JVs and local investors.

Our lawyers combine their unique knowledge of law with necessary significant practical knowledge and experience obtained when working for leading law firms and large corporations operating in Azerbaijan.

We aim at providing immediate but comprehensive feedbacks to clients assigned us with their matters and tasks.



Combining the expertise of PwC's lawyers and business advisers

Organizationally, the PwC Legal team is part of the tax and legal services department of PricewaterhouseCoopers which numbers over 20 staff. Close cooperation with PwC experts from audit, tax, and business advisory enables us to offer a wide range of services, including legal, for businesses. We combine legal expertise with business knowledge based on the sector in which our clients operate. And all of this is provided under the brand of PricewaterhouseCoopers - a leading provider of complex professional advisory services to entities from the public and private sectors.

Global PwC Legal network

The legal services department at PwC operates within a global network of PricewaterhouseCoopers Legal firms, uniting 1900 lawyers working in 75 countries worldwide. Close cooperation of lawyers within the PwC Global Legal network enables us to render legal services to our clients on an international scale. This is particularly important in cross-border transactions as well as for MNCs.



Specific Legal areas of Expertise

1. Company law/M&A

- sale and acquisition of companies and their assets
- restructuring and reorganization of large businesses
- corporate due diligence
- pre and post-transactional advise
- investment and shareholders' agreements
- share sales and transfers
- company establishments and dissolutions
- legal documents drafting and advising

2. Banking and Finance

- representing/acting for parties to facility/loan agreements under financing deals
- corporate finance, assets and real estate acquisitions
- transactional security instruments, security agreements
- drafting loan/credit agreements, guarantee deeds etc.
- internal corporate financing
- representing clients before regulatory authorities

3. Oil and Gas

- due diligence and legal opinions under major on-shore/off-shore sale/purchase deals
- drafting major supply contracts
- advice on Production Sharing Agreements and tax protocols
- advice on local energy laws

4. Construction and Infrastructure

- due diligence in relevant lending transactions
- representing/acting for parties to large infrastructure and buildings construction projects
- drafting and preparing contracts and agreements
- advising on related environmental law risks
- obtaining licences/permits

5. Antitrust and Competition

- advising on relevant antitrust law requirements during M&A
- clients representation at regulatory authorities and obtaining necessary clearances
- conducting check over compliance of contracts with consumer protection law
- advising on antitrust and consumer law

6. Intellectual Property

- advising on trademarks/industrial designs, patents, copyrights, utility models
- drafting trademark licensing, franchising contracts
- representing clients in IP related disputes and relevant rights enforcement
- relevant litigation

7. Arbitration and Litigation

- acting for clients at pre-litigation stage
- representation at local courts and international arbitrations
- providing local law expert opinions

8. Telecoms

- representing/acting for telecom operators before regulatory authorities
- due diligence and legal opinions on large external lending facilities to local operators
- advising on interconnection and revenue sharing aspects
- advising on corporate and antitrust law matters
- drafting of large supply and consultancy contracts

9. Aviation

- representing/acting for large foreign corporations in aircrafts sale deals
- due diligence and legal opinions
- representing clients at negotiations with local aviation authorities
- drafting of sale/lease contracts

10. Labour and Immigration

- drafting employment agreements, management contracts, service agreements
- restructuring, staff redundancy
- representing at litigations
- obtaining work and residence permits

PwC Legal Leader



PwC legal team is headed by Farhad Hajizade, the law professional with fourteen years of both local and international legal expertise and experience.

Before joining PwC Farhad was the owner of Hacizade & Associates law firm. Prior to that, he worked as partner at Baku office of Grata law firm for 4 years, chief legal council to an oil company, head of legal department of a largest mobile telephone operator, senior associate at Salans Baku office as well as legal advisor to the Government of Azerbaijan under the World Bank financed projects.

Farhad's expertise primarily covers corporate and commercial law matters in such areas as oil & gas, telecom, infrastructure, construction, aviation with specific focus on restructuring, M&S, due diligence, share transfers, equity financing, lending transactions, international arbitration and contracts law. He has also experience in representing clients in negotiations with business counterparts and government agencies (Cabinet of Ministers, ministries, state committees, state funds etc.).

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