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Oleksandr Melnyk is a Partner at GOLAW and Head of the Corporate Law and M&A practice. He specializes in corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, international business structuring and taxation, financing, and regulatory compliance. Oleksandr provides comprehensive legal support to businesses in the energy, infrastructure, finance, retail, IT, and FMCG sectors.

He has substantial experience in managing complex cross-border M&A transactions, structuring and relocating holding companies across multiple jurisdictions, and supporting foreign investors entering the Ukrainian and EU markets. Oleksandr advises international clients on market entry strategies, including the incorporation and licensing of local subsidiaries, regulatory compliance, and transactional structuring adapted to sector-specific requirements.

A significant part of Oleksandr's work is dedicated to the energy sector. He has successfully led the legal support of renewable energy projects (solar, wind, bioenergy) with a total capacity exceeding 300 MW, including structuring and negotiation of PPAs, EPC and O&M contracts, and participation in regulatory and permitting procedures. He also advises on privatization, public procurement, and infrastructure development within the energy domain.

Oleksandr regularly handles competition and antitrust matters, including merger clearance, concerted actions, and litigation related to unfair competition and market manipulation. He supports international financing transactions involving development banks (EBRD, IFC), and has experience with drafting and negotiating Intercreditor Agreements, Subordination Agreements, and other complex finance instruments.

He also advises clients on market regulation, advertising compliance, and product conformity procedures, as well as intellectual property, franchising, and personal data protection in cross-border contexts.

PRACTICES:

- Antitrust and Competition
- Corporate and M&A
- Labor and Employment
- Banking, Finance and Capital Markets

SECTORS:

- Agribusiness
- Aviation
- Chemical industry
- Engineering, Construction and Building Materials
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Financial institutions
- IT and AI
- Industry and manufacturing
- Media, Entertainment, Sports and Gambling
- Healthcare industries, Life sciences and Pharmaceuticals
- Retail, FMCG and E-Commerce
- Transport and Logistics

EDUCATION:

- Law Faculty, National University “Odessa Academy of Law”, 2013 (Ukraine)
- Institute of training of professional judges of National University “Odessa Academy of Law”, 2014 (Ukraine)

RECOGNITIONS:

Lexology Index: Client Choice 2026 – Highly Recommended by clients as one of the world’s leading specialists in Energy

The Legal 500 2025 – Recommended among leading experts in the fields of energy and natural resources, real estate and construction, commercial law, corporate law and M&A, as well as private clients practice

IFLR1000 2025 (International Financial Law Review) – recognized as a Notable Practitioner in Ukraine in Corporate and M&A practice

Legal 500 Green Guide 2024 – GOLAW law firm has been recognized as a leader in the Ukrainian market, advising on green energy, climate change, effective governance, and sustainable development

50 Leading Law Firms Ukraine 2026 – individual recognition in Corporate Law, ranked 12th

MEMBERSHIP:

- Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA)
- American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine (ACC)
- European Business Association (EBA)
- German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Ukraine)
- Ukrainian Network of Integrity and Compliance (UNIC)
- Worldwide Network of Leading Law Firms (SCG Legal)
- Ost-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft (OA)
- Norwegian-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce (NUCC)
- Ukrainian-Czech Chamber of Commerce (UKRCHAM)
- European-Ukrainian Energy Agency (EUEA)
- Association of European Energy Consultants (AEEC)
- Union of Ukrainian Entrepreneurs (SUP)
- International Bar Association (IBA)

LANGUAGES:

Ukrainian, English

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