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Oleksandr Melnyk is a Partner at GOLAW and the Head of the Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) Practice. He specializes in corporate governance, cross-border M&A transactions, international business structuring and taxation, financing, and regulatory compliance. He provides full legal support to businesses in the energy, infrastructure, finance, retail, IT, and FMCG sectors.

He has significant experience in handling complex international transactions, structuring and relocating holding companies across various jurisdictions, and supporting the market entry of foreign investors into Ukraine and the EU. Oleksandr advises international businesses on market entry strategies, including company registration and licensing, legal compliance, and adaptation of corporate structures to industry specifics.

A particular focus of his practice is the energy sector. He has successfully supported renewable energy projects (solar, wind, bioenergy) with a combined capacity of over 300 MW. His work includes structuring and negotiating Power Purchase Agreements (PPA), EPC and O&M contracts, as well as overseeing permitting procedures. He also handles privatization issues, public procurement, and infrastructure development in the energy sector.

Oleksandr also advises on competition and antitrust law, particularly regarding merger control and concerted practices, and represents clients in matters of unfair competition and market manipulation. He has experience in international financial projects involving institutions such as the EBRD and IFC, including the drafting and coordination of intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, and other complex financial instruments.

Additionally, he provides legal consultations on market regulation, advertising law, product compliance procedures, intellectual property protection, franchising, and cross-border data transfers.

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Antitrust and Competition
- Corporate and M&A
- Labour Law
- Real Estate and Construction
- Banking and Finance
- Criminal Law
- Tax and Customs
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- Environmental and Natural Resources
- Intellectual Property
- Dispute Resolution
- International Trade
- Regulatory and Compliance
- Anti-Corruption
- Government Relations
- Risk Management
- Business Security
- Private Client Services

SECTORS:

- Energy
- Infrastructure
- IT and AI
- Finance
- Retail and E-commerce
- FMCG
- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Transport and Logistics
- Aviation
- Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals
- Chemicals
- Media, Entertainment, and Gaming
- Real Estate and Land

EDUCATION:

- National University “Odesa Law Academy” (Ukraine), 2013
- Institute for Training of Professional Judges, Odesa Law Academy, 2014

RECOGNITION:

The Legal 500 2024: Recommended in Energy & Natural Resources, Real Estate & Construction, Commercial Law, Corporate and M&A, and Private Clients.

IFLR1000 2024: Noted for M&A, Project Development, Restructuring and Insolvency.

Legal 500 Green Guide 2024: GOLAW recognized as a leader in green energy, climate change, and sustainability

TOP-50 Law Firms of Ukraine (Yurydychna Praktyka): Recommended in Corporate, Competition, Land, and Real Estate Law

ЧЛЕНСТВО В ОРГАНІЗАЦІЯХ:

- Ukrainian National Bar Association (UNBA)
- American Chamber of Commerce (ACC)
- European Business Association (EBA)
- German-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK Ukraine)
- Ukrainian Network of Integrity and Compliance (UNIC)
- Turkish-Ukrainian Business Association (TUID)
- Associated European Energy Consultants (AEEC)
- SCG Legal (Worldwide Network of Leading Law Firms)
- German Eastern Business Association (Ost-Ausschuss)

LANGUAGES:

Ukrainian, Russian, English

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