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Qualified in Greece and the U.K., Michalis specialises in Corporate, M&A, and Commercial Litigation and Arbitration. He advises clients on matters relating to the full range of company and commercial litigation, arbitration and advisory work. He has particular expertise in cases involving international litigation, injunctions, equity investments, cross border mergers/acquisitions, corporate restructuring and large asset finance transactions in Europe.

Michalis is a member of the Corporate Law Committee of the Cyprus Bar Association and also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb). Frequently, he is instructed by “magic circle” and other leading international firms.

He regularly represents local and international clients before Cyprus Courts, national authorities and arbitration tribunals in domestic and cross-border transactions. He also serves as outside counsel for certain clients and as a non-executive director in a number of companies.

His recent court practice includes Anton Piller/Norwich Pharmacal proceedings, injunctions in aid of foreign proceedings and corporate litigation.

He is the author of the book “Summary adjudication under the Civil Procedure Rules” and regularly signs articles in legal journals and periodicals. In 2003, he was the leader of the EU Commission legal research project in “Documentary disclosure in cross border litigation”, conducted in association with Oxford University, Vienna University and Ludwig Maximilians University Munich.

Michalis is highly recommended by the Legal 500 (M&A, Dispute Resolution), Who ‘s Who Legal (Insurance & Reinsurance, Aviation) and Chambers & Partners.

Client experience includes

- ▶ Acted as an expert witness on Cyprus Corporate Law matters in LCIA arbitration.
- ▶ Instructed by HFC, a subsidiary of the Qatar Investment Authority, in relation to the enforcement of English provisional orders in Cyprus
- ▶ Represented Yucos Capital Limited in relation to asset disclosure and tracing proceedings and gagging orders.
- ▶ Represented a party to proceedings in aid of foreign proceedings initiated before the High Court of England.
- ▶ Represented a major Russian oil company in Cyprus proceedings related to recognition and enforcement of LCIA award, together with ancillary injunctions for freezing of assets and disclosure of financial information.
- ▶ Represented one of the leading Cyprus banks in proceedings related to recognition and enforcement of a foreign judgment.
- ▶ Represented automotive spare parts importers in anti-trust proceedings before the Cyprus Competition Commission, which led to conviction of Daimler AG on the basis of anti-competitive conduct.
- ▶ Represented one of the largest Russian banks in worldwide freezing injunction proceedings and Cyprus pledge enforcement proceedings.
- ▶ Advised on software development agreements in cooperation with a major international maritime authority.
- ▶ Represented a major international cement and concrete conglomerate in Anton Piller/Norwich Pharmacal proceedings in Cyprus.