Orestis Omran is a Partner in the Brussels Office of DLA Piper and the Head of the firm’s EU-Greek Practice. He focuses on EU regulatory matters in the energy, banking and infrastructure sectors. Qualified in Greece, New York and Brussels (E-list), Orestis has experience ranging from Public Private Partnerships and Procurement to designing compliance programs for large corporates and representing clients in formal and informal state aid and other investigations before the European Commission, national regulatory authorities and subsequent proceedings before the EU Courts. He is ranked by Chambers as an expert based abroad for Greece and by Legal 500 in the Global and EU Competition category.

In addition, Orestis advises governments and energy companies on both contentious and non-contentious matters. He is often involved in transnational litigation and international commercial and investment arbitrations in the energy sector. He represents and advises clients on a wide range of disputes and regulatory matters involving the upstream, midstream and downstream oil and gas industry.

In Greece, Orestis benefits from a strong network of contacts in the Greek government and industry. He also advises clients on regulatory, institutional and compliance matters under EU law and on Greek law transactions, projects and other matters with external Greek counsel. He has also been advising the IMF and the European Institutions on the implementation of the Greek Program. Orestis has also extensive experience working with teams of corporate and finance lawyers in transactional matters in a number of jurisdictions, including Greece.

He is regularly invited to participate as a speaker in business and legal conferences in Europe and the United States and is often published in all of the above areas of law. He has served as a guest lecturer in many Universities in Europe and the Americas on issues of comparative campaign finance law, sovereign debt restructuring and constitutional law.
EXPERIENCE

- Advising the Public Power Corporation during international bidding proceedings for the divestment and sale of 40% of its lignite based electricity producing capacity in Greece
- Advising a multinational on state aid investigation proceedings before the European Commission
- Advising an international energy company on energy regulatory matters under Greek and EU law
- Advising ACT Commodities on energy regulatory issues with the Regulatory Authority for Energy in Greece
- Advising Philips on corporate, regulatory and finance matters in Greece
- Represented a US Private equity fund on ICC international arbitration proceedings
- Represented a leading Japanese capacitors producer on a recent European Commission antitrust investigation in the capacitors industry
- Advising Finacity Corporation and Qualco on a potential securitization receivables of the Greek Public Power Corporation
- Advising IGI Poseidon on licensing and other regulatory matters before the Regulatory Authority for Energy in Greece

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Attorney-at-law admitted with the Supreme Court of New York
- Dikegóros admitted with the Dikegorikos Syllogos Athenon

Prior Experience

- Associate and then Counsel in the Brussels Office of international law firm, 2012-2017
- Attorney European Commission, Legal Service, 2011-2012

Recognitions

*Chambers* notes that: “Greek-qualified Orestis Omran is based in Brussels and receives numerous plaudits for his expertise in corporate and commercial law. He has experience advising on transactions, joint ventures and distribution agreements. One client describes him as ‘an expert in Greek law’, adding that ‘he provides us with outstanding representation and clear advice on our business interests in Greece’.

Education

- University of Amsterdam, PhD (cand.), Thesis Topic: “Comparative Campaign Finance Law: A comparative analysis of Campaign Finance Regulation in the United States, the United Kingdom and Greece” (I. Henry Hijmans Scholar), 2018
- University of California, Visiting Scholar, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) 2015
- University of Chicago Law School, LLM, (Fulbright Scholar) 2011
- University of Athens Law School, LL.B. 2009

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Lecturer

- Guest Lecturer in Law Schools in Europe and the Americas

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• Co-author Litigation Law and Practice in Greece, Chambers 2019
• Co-author Antitrust Litigation Law and Practice in Greece, Chambers 2019
• Directors’ Liability in the Twilight Zone, Country Report for Greece, INSOL 2017
Events

- “How are EU regulation policies affecting growth prospects for the TMT industry and what is required to help stimulate more investment”, TMT Finance Conference, Munich, Germany, October 2016
- “Sovereign Debt Restructuring in Greece and Argentina: A comparative assessment”, series of guest lectures at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 2016
- “Drafting arbitration clauses in energy contracts: A prerequisite to successful arbitration”, Seminar organized by the Association for International Arbitration, the Vienna International Arbitration Centre and the Austrian Arbitration Association, Brussels, Belgium, May 2016
- “Campaign Finance Reform in Greece: Lessons to learn from the US and the UK”, Annual Conference of the Group of the Greek Constitutionalists, Crete, Greece, April 2016
- “Cybersecurity: EU legislation and highlights of key obligations”, EUTC Summit, Brussels, Belgium, March 2016

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DLA Piper promotes Brussels lawyer to partner in latest promotions round

1 May 2020
DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Brussels-based lawyer Orestis Omran has been promoted to partner as part of the firm’s annual promotion round, effective 1 May 2020. This promotion brings the total number of partners in Belgium to 22.

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DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm’s practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm’s practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.