

With an on-the-ground presence in CEE for more than 20 years, Squire Sanders has one of the most extensive CEE practices of any law firm with more than 85 lawyers in five full-service offices in the major CEE markets of Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Ukraine.

We also maintain close active working relationships with firms throughout CEE including Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.

With lawyers fluent in several languages and admitted to practice both in Europe and North America, we have a resource base skilled in local customs, connected with local business and legal networks, and versed in local legal and business nuances.

Our CEE-based lawyers and offices are regularly ranked as a leader in its field by legal publications including *The Legal 500 EMEA*, *Chambers Global* and *Best Lawyers*.

In addition, many of our lawyers are active in key civic and business organizations throughout the CEE including Chambers of Commerce and governmental bodies. As a result, over the years we have gained the respect of and enjoy excellent working relations with senior decision makers within these institutions.

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Practice and Industry Focus

Antitrust & Competition	International Dispute Resolution
Automotive	Infrastructure Finance /PPP
Banking & Finance	Intellectual Property & Technology
Commercial	Labor & Employment
Communications	Life Sciences
Corporate Transactions, Finance & Governance	Litigation
Energy	Real Estate
Environmental, Safety & Health	Regulatory
Global Compliance	Restructuring & Insolvency

Recent Experience

- Advising **Troika Dialog** on its multibillion euro leveraged acquisition of Industrial Union of Donbass, one of Ukraine's largest steel groups including Hungarian and other Central and Eastern Europe assets.
- Advising a private equity consortium led by **Columbia Capital**, **M/C Venture Partners** and **Innova Capital**, on the purchase of 100% of the shares in GTS Central Europe (GTS CE), a leading alternative telecom service provider with operations in Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. In addition to its role on the acquisition, we also advised on all aspects of the equity formation as well as €200 million of acquisition leverage financing.
- Representing **TESCO PLC**, a major UK-based retail chain investor in the Slovak Republic in more than 60 greenfield and brownfield freehold and leasehold acquisitions for retail and warehousing purposes.
- Advising **Autostrada Wielkopolska II S.A. (AWSA II)**, the project company for Poland's A2 toll motorway (Section II) on all aspects of the public-private partnership (deal value €1.6 billion) for the second segment of the A2 from Swiecko (the Polish-German border) to Nowy Tomysl including design, concession agreement, construction and operating agreements and financing. Named PPP Transport Deal of the Year by Jane's Transport Finance and nominated as Project Finance Deal of the Year by International Financial Law Review.

- Advising **Autostrada Wielkopolska S.A.**, the project company for Poland's A2 toll motorway (Section I), on all aspects of the public private partnership (deal value €800 million) including design, construction, financing and operation. Named Europe, Middle East and Africa Infrastructure Deal of the Year by Project Finance International.
- Representing **China National Electric Engineering Company**, a leader in a consortium of Chinese companies, bidding on one of the largest power plant projects in Poland in Jaworzno. The currently open tender is for the energy company Tauron for a new 900 MW conventional coal-fired plant. CNEEC has bid approximately PLN5 billion (€1.3 billion).
- Advising **Sky Toll, a.s.**, a special-purpose vehicle, in a public tender for the delivery and operation of a comprehensive Electronic Tolling System in the Slovak Republic and advising the project company established by the winning consortium with respect to bank financing and sub-system contractors.
- Advising **Contour Global**, a US energy company, in connection with developing and providing energy services to a major on site off-taker in Slovakia and in connection with US\$250 million financing of its global CHP (combined heating plant) business.
- Advising **PTC ERA** (T-Mobile), one of the biggest joint ventures in Poland, in negotiations of the complex Radio Access Network Sharing arrangement with PTK Centertel, the mobile telephone operator controlled by Orange/France Telekom and in establishing the joint venture with the same company.
- Advising **Walton Street Capital** in its acquisition of a mixed-use property in the center of Prague which includes a shopping gallery, office building and the Prague Marriott Hotel.
- Representing the **Czech Export Bank** on own borrowings and numerous export financings around the world including the US, Russia, Vietnam, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Montenegro.
- Advising the **Romanian National Ministry of Transport** and **National Roads Administration** on a €500 million motorway between Bucharest and Ploiesti.

Our CEE offices are regularly recognized in various legal areas by leading publications including *The Legal 500 EMEA*, *Chambers Europe* and *PLC Which Lawyer?*

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