

MENS LEGIS LAW FIRM

Mens Legis Law Firm attracts an enviable list of international clients, with the likes of Siemens, IBM and Fiat all retaining the firm's services. This might be partly due to the firm's international outlook – it has connections with law firms in cities such as London, New York and Moscow.

Clients find the firm's services quite good. "I would probably use them again. Most of the tasks were completed quite well and in some cases exceeded our expectations. On a general scale of one-to-five, I would give them a good four," says one.

Managing partner Ljubica Ruben is well known in the market. But, partner Milcho Kjupev is getting noticed. "I was particularly impressed with Mr Kjupevs," says one client. "Most of the staff is quite young, but he is a little older and more experienced. He was responsive and good."

In May 2009 Mens Legis completed the due diligence of Cosmofon, a subsidiary of OTE MTS Holding, for Telecom Slovenije in a transaction worth €190 million. The firm also advised the Israeli company Gazit-Globe on the acquisition of the site where the old Alumina factory sat in Skopje. Gazit-Globe's Macedonian subsidiary will build a shopping centre on the site.

Slovenian company Zavarovalnica Triglav mandated the firm to advise on its purchase of a majority stake in Macedonian company Vardar Insurance. The acquisition cost around €29 million. Finally, Chrysler hired the firm as counsel on a deal between the American company and Fiat that was before the Commission for Protection of Competition of Macedonia.

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