

Yulia Kyrpa

Executive partner, head of the Banking and Finance, Insolvency and Restructuring, Real Estate and Construction practices; co-head of the Capital Markets group

Yulia also chairs the Financial Institutions and Fintech industry groups at the firm

EXPERTISE

Regarded as one of the best lawyers in the European legal market, Yulia continuously advises major IFIs and commercial banks, as well as top corporations on financing, capital markets and debt restructuring mandates. She represents: the European Commission, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development, IFC, KfW, Raiffeisen Bank International, ING, Dragon Capital, Goldman Sachs, Soros Fund Management, Fitch Ratings, etc.

Yulia has unparalleled experience in advising on M&A in the Ukrainian financial sector. She has advised on the most M&A transactions between financial institutions in Ukraine to date.

Over the years of her legal career Yulia developed a number of innovative legal products in demand by banks, financial institutions and corporations. She has been at the forefront of the development of the fintech industry in Ukraine and has helped to position Aequo as the leading law firm in this space. She serves as chair of the legal tech committee in the Ukrainian Association of Fintech and Innovation Companies and is ranked among the Top 50 Most Influential Women in FinTech.

Yulia is highly experienced in real estate and construction practices, including transactions with significant real estate element. She has advised on a number of policy shaping initiatives in land and land financing area, as well as on the acquisition of shopping malls, business centers, warehouses, industrial parks and other logistical hubs in Ukraine.

Yulia is also an Independent Supervisory Board member in Agroprosperis Bank, the bank with 100% US capital.

EDUCATION

- Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University. Master of Laws (2006).
- Edinburgh Business School of Heriot-Watt University (Edinburgh, Scotland). MBA Executive (2016).
- Duke University School of Law. FinTech Law & Policy (2021).

ADMISSION

- International Bar Association (IBA).
- Kyiv City Bar (admitted since 2007).
- Ukrainian Bar Association (UBA).
- Ukrainian Association of Fintech and Innovation Companies (Head of Legal Committee).



RECOGNITION

Yulia has been repeatedly recommended by reputable international and local legal rankings, such as Chambers Global/Europe, The Legal 500, IFLR 1000, Best Lawyers, Who's Who Legal, The Ukrainian Law Firms. A Handbook for Foreign Clients. Among her significant recognitions are the following:

- Listed by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers among top 10 most innovative lawyers in Europe.
- Listed in Thought Leaders Global Elite in Banking & Finance by Who's Who Legal, accolading her along with very few Eastern European lawyers.
- Inducted into the Market Leaders' list in Restructuring and insolvency by IFLR 1000.
- Ranked among Top 300 Best Female Lawyers in the World by IFLR 1000.
- Ranked among Top 50 Most Influential Women in FinTech by the Ukrainian Association of Fintech and Innovation Companies.
- Inducted in the Hall of Fame by The Legal 500 in Banking, Finance and Capital Markets, and highly recommended in Real Estate & Construction Matters.