

Partner Kamil Valiyev joins Dentons' Baku office

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Baku —Dentons, the world's largest law firm, has strengthened its market-leading team in Azerbaijan with the recruitment of partner Kamil Valiyev as Head of the Intellectual Property and Technology and Litigation practices in Baku.

Kamil Valiyev brings a broad base of business law experience including corporate and M&A, energy, intellectual property, project development and compliance. He advises multinational and local clients on M&A and commercial transactions, including joint ventures and strategic alliances with Azerbaijani private and state-owned companies. He also assists in the protection of intellectual property (IP) as well as franchising issues. Before moving to Dentons, he was a partner at MGB Law Offices and prior to that at Baker McKenzie.

He is double qualified in Azerbaijan and New York, and recommended as one of Azerbaijan's leading lawyers by *Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific* and *IFLR1000*. He is an active member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators, the American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan, and the International Trademark Association. He also lectures on energy law and information law at Baku State University.

In his new role, Kamil Valiyev will also assume co-management functions in the Baku office alongside partner Ulvia Zeynalova-Bockin, Head of the Banking and Finance and Capital Markets practices, who has been with the firm for 12 years and is recognized as one of the leading lawyers in Azerbaijan by *Chambers & Partners*, *Legal500* and *IFLR1000*. James Hogan will continue to provide strategic oversight as Azerbaijan senior Managing Partner and to support clients' legal needs as Head of the Corporate and M&A and Energy practices.

Tomasz Dabrowski, CEO of Dentons Europe, commented, "Both Kamil Valiyev and Ulvia Zeynalova-Bockin are highly accomplished lawyers with deep roots in the Azerbaijani and international business community. I am confident they will make an excellent leadership team for our Baku office."

Kamil Valiyev commented on his move, "Joining Dentons is a great opportunity to become a part of the global and leading team of legal professionals and better serve the needs of clients by giving them access to the Firm's unmatched global resources and high quality legal advice – here in Azerbaijan and around the world. I will be delighted to work together with James Hogan and Ulvia Zeynalova-Bockin, who are market leaders in Azerbaijan, and the talented and experienced team of the Dentons' Baku office and contribute to the firm's further growth."

Ulvia Zeynalova-Bockin said, "Dentons is recognized as the top law firm in Azerbaijan, and I am looking forward to working alongside Kamil Valiyev and James Hogan to further strengthen and consolidate our leading position in the market."

James Hogan added, "Dentons is the only international law office in Baku and is one of the oldest firms in Azerbaijan, having opened a permanent Baku office in 1999. Ulvia Zeynalova-Bockin is already a very effective leader in our office and one of the top lawyers in Azerbaijan. The addition of Kamil Valiyev to our team solidifies our standing as the

most experienced law firm in the country by far.”

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