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Chambers Europe 2018 distinction for DZP

We are pleased to announce that both DZP and our experts have once again been recommended in the Chambers Europe 2018 ranking that was published last week. As in previous years, the assessment criteria for lawyers were primarily projects completed and a professional approach to clients, whose opinions are the most important factor.

Life Sciences Band 1

[Marcin Matczak Band 1](#), [Michał Czarnuch Band 2](#), [Tomasz Kaczyński Band 4](#).

One client highlights the team for its "broad perspective and good business understanding," before adding: "They have a creative approach when sorting out issues and are open-minded."

Marcin Matczak is held in high esteem by sources, who note that he is "pragmatic, collaborative, highly responsive and open-minded." He is a specialist in pharmaceutical law and is regularly sought after by producers, distributors and pharmacy chains for advice on issues arising in the sector. He is also well placed to assist with unfair competition mandates.

Michał Czarnuch is praised by market observers for being "fully dedicated to his work" and "ready to work 24 hours." His practice includes advising on reimbursement and distribution issues in the pharmaceutical sector.

Tomasz Kaczyński advises a roster of manufacturers and distributors within the pharmaceutical market. He is experienced assisting with reimbursement, product registration and regulatory matters.

Public Procurement Band 1

Wojciech Hartung Band 2, Katarzyna Kuźma Band 3, Tomasz Michalczyk and Michał Wojciechowski Associate To Watch.

Clients value the team's availability, with one saying: "What I appreciate the most about DZP is their constant availability, at least from our perspective. I know that every day they are dealing with a number of cases from other clients but they always make me feel like we are the only one."

The team's expert advice is also praised by interviewees. "We appreciated the overall quality of the team, their response times and expertise," one reports.

Wojciech Hartung is valued by market sources for his deep expertise in public procurement law, with interviewees praising his "enormous knowledge." "He is a very capable practitioner," a source also reports. His wide-ranging expertise encompasses public procurement matters, concessions and public-private partnerships.

Interviewees report that Katarzyna Kuźma is "very experienced and knowledgeable" as well as "easy to communicate with." She recently advised AstraZeneca Pharma Poland on contract award procedures for the supply of medicines for the Katowice Clinical Hospital and Rzeszów Hospital.

Sources commend senior associate Tomasz Michalczyk as "very knowledgeable and flexible." "He acts for clients on all aspects of public procurement proceedings and is well versed in PPP agreements."

Senior associate Michał Wojciechowski enters the rankings this year on the back of strong client feedback. Market sources describe him as a "promising" practitioner, while clients also value his "dedication to matters."

Project and Infrastructure Band 1

Magdalena Zabłocka Band 3, Katarzyna Kuźma Band 4, Marcin Krakowiak Band 4, Tomasz Darowski Recognized Practitioner

Interviewees frequently praise the team's timeliness and client-oriented approach. "They are very committed and engaged," a client reports, adding: "They always exceed our expectations." "I value their advice and the fact they always deliver the work in a timely manner," another source states.

Magdalena Zabłocka receives considerable praise for her expertise in PPP projects. She regularly advises clients in the public sector. Market commentators describe her as "constructive and business-oriented."

Department head Marcin Krakowiak regularly advises clients on PPP projects and concessions. His clientele spans the energy, road, construction and waste management sectors. "Marcin is very patient and very calm in negotiations. His advice is always measured and to the point," a satisfied client reports.

Clients report that Katarzyna Kuźma "provides excellent advice" and appreciate that "the work is always done on time." Interviewees also praise her for being "very friendly and easy to communicate with." Her wide-ranging expertise spans public procurement proceedings, PPP projects and concessions. She is particularly experienced in advising Spanish clients investing in Poland.

Dispute Resolution Band 2

Józef Palinka Band 2, Paweł Lewandowski Band 3

Sources praise "their understanding of the local realities," while another highlights the team's knowledge of Polish court practice, saying the team can weigh up "which arguments will work."

Senior practitioner Hanna Gajewska-Kraczkowska has in-depth knowledge of matters relating to business crime and fiscal criminal proceedings. Corporate compliance is another area of expertise.

Jozef Palinka is a widely respected disputes lawyer acting on a range of arbitration and litigation matters. He has recently been involved in high-profile disputes relating to currency options products, representing the banks.

Paweł Lewandowski assists clients with construction and energy-related disputes. He acted for OHL on a high-stakes litigation concerning a claim against PBG over sharing the cost of a construction project. Sources point out his strong communication skills.

Energy & natural resources Band 2

Rafał Hajduk Band 1, Paweł Grzejszczak Band 2

A source says the team has "good understanding of us as a client" in addition to providing "prompt responses to questions and issues."

Top-ranked energy lawyer Rafał Hajduk joined the team in April 2017 from Norton Rose Fulbright. He is reputed for his knowledge of regulatory, trading and commercial matters as well as transactions in the energy sector. "He is an excellent lawyer and covers all aspects of energy transactions," a source says.

Paweł Grzejszczak assists clients with a broad array of energy matters, including regulatory and transactional as well as assisting with the construction of complex energy infrastructure. He also advises clients on related contentious matters. "He is always goal-oriented and does not make a short story long," a client says. In co-operation with Wikborg Rein Advokatfirma, he represented Naftogaz of Ukraine in proceedings pertaining to the OPAL pipeline.

Environment Band 2

Daniel Chojnacki Band 2

One client notes the team's "flexible, customer-oriented approach" as well as its "great expertise and practical understanding of environmental law." According to another client, the lawyers have "very good communications skills, a wide knowledge of waste management issues and are good at identifying any problems at hand."

Daniel Chojnacki is highly rated by market commentators, who appreciate his "communication skills, availability and ability to find a solution," as well as his "great expertise in environmental protection laws." He is particularly adept at assisting clients with waste management mandates, as demonstrated by his recent work advising Lidl on waste management issues related to the functioning of the company's supermarket chain.

Tax Band 2

Artur Nowak Band 2, Tax Consultants: Joanna Wierzejska Band 2

The team attracts praise for its commercial approach, with one interviewee stating: "They are very business-oriented, adjust themselves to the specific case quite smoothly and have an understanding of the purpose of transactions."

Sources also highlight the department for its "good understanding of the VAT refund process for non-resident businesses."

Artur Nowak enjoys a solid reputation for his strength in tax and customs disputes. Commentators describe him as a "very strong tax litigator who is very effective and dynamic," adding that his advice is "straight to the point and well explained."

Joanna Wierzejska is a well-regarded tax adviser who is particularly recognised for her strong track record in M&A transactions and restructurings. One impressed client reports that she is "aware of almost everything that is going on in the tax market" and is "able to adjust herself to the environment she is working in."

Corporate and M&A Band 3

Krzysztof Zakrzewski Eminent Practitioner, Marek Świątkowski Band 4

Sources praise the team's thorough handling of transactions. "We know all the risks and can manage them. I have complete awareness and I feel safe," a client says. The team is also noted for its availability and efficiency.

Managing partner and eminent practitioner Krzysztof Zakrzewski is widely endorsed by peers and highly respected by clients for his extensive experience in this space. He advises both domestic and international clients on Polish investments. "Everybody knows him," a peer confirms.

Marek Świątkowski is a corporate lawyer with strong experience in advising foreign investors on their Polish transactions. He recently assisted two individual shareholders with the USD5 million sale of DRUK Makuszewscy to Graf-Poz. Clients describe him as personable.

Construction Band 3

Tomasz Darowski Recognized practitioner

Lech Żyżylewski heads the real estate department and assists clients with investment transactions. He has notable expertise in reprivatisation matters. His recent highlights include advising Citibank Europe on the leasing of office space in Warsaw.

Foreign Expertise

Katarzyna Kuźma

Katarzyna Kuźma is a Polish- and Spanish-qualified lawyer with particular experience in public procurement as well as projects in the infrastructure sector. The firm's Spanish desk includes Spanish-qualified lawyers who assist Spanish clients with a broad range of transactional matters connected with Poland, particularly in infrastructure and energy. Katarzyna Kuźma heads the group and is a key contact.

Other ranked lawyers

Hanna Gajewska - Kraczkowska (White-Collar Crime) Senior Statesmen, Lech Żyłowski (Real Estate) Band 4, Wojciech Dziomdziora (TMT) Up and coming

Other noted firms

Banking and Finance, Employment

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