



VOLKOV & PARTNERS

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Introduction

Volkov & Partners is one of the leading law firms in Ukraine providing a full spectrum of legal services.

The firm was founded in March 2005 by its managing partner, Oleksiy M. Volkov. It is one of the leading Ukrainian firms in such practices as Oil and Gas, Energy, Dispute Resolution, and Antitrust.

The partners of the firm have in total more than 20 years of top ranking legal practice in Ukraine and abroad. List of our clients could easily be viewed on a best part of Forbes Global 2000 list.

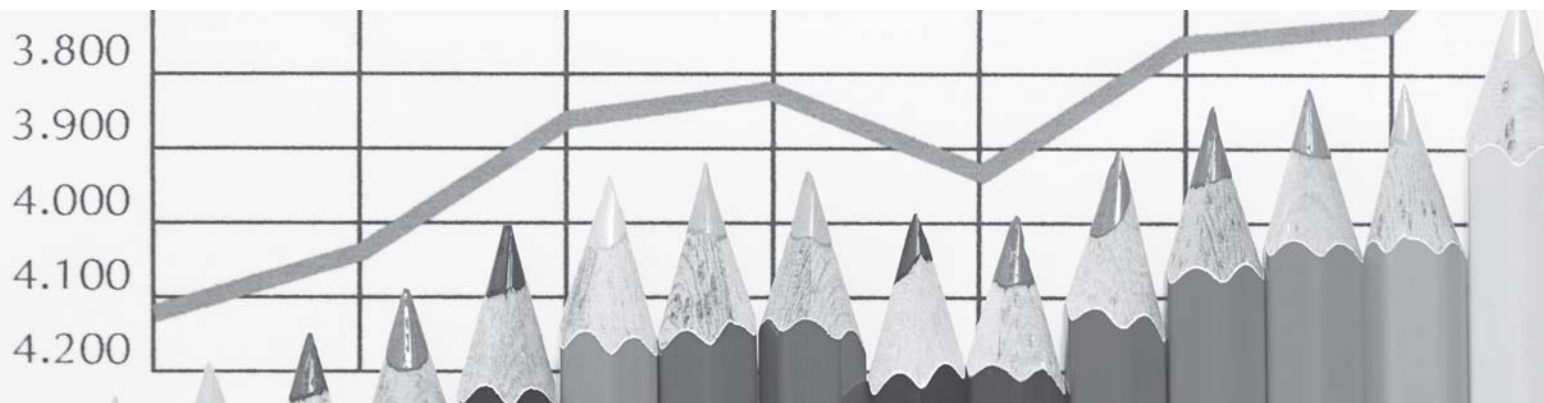


Our Practice

Today we provide a comprehensive legal support in the following practices:

- Antitrust
- Banking and Finance
- Commercial
- Corporate and M&A
- Dispute Resolution
- Energy
- International Trade and Antidumping
- Natural Resources
- Oil and Gas
- Real Estate and Construction
- Tax
- White Collar Crime

Oil and Gas, Energy, Corporate and M&A, Dispute Resolution, and Antitrust practices are our firm's core practices.



Our Practice

Volkov & Partners is one of highly recognised leaders of Ukrainian legal market in the fields of Energy, Oil and Gas and Natural Resources.

Our team has extensive expertise in supporting major transactions in these fields, including cross-border transactions, which involve transnational corporations.

Previously we have advised our clients on purchase of energy and oil assets in Ukraine, sale of carbon emission quotas, joint activity agreements, production sharing agreements, Ukrainian regulation of oil and gas market including obtaining of respective licences etc.

We have also been involved in projects related to purchase of drilling equipment, land allocation for oil and gas companies, entering into servitude agreements and other agreements providing for use of land plots without title transfer, drafting contracts with operators of gas pipe lines (including NJSC NaftoGas Ukrainy), obtaining quotas for gas transportation.

Our lawyers have advised on getting rights to use sub-soil (including oil and gas bearing subsoil), obtaining mining allotments, state registration of geological studies of subsurface resources, obtaining approvals for construction related to oil and gas exploration and production, negotiating agreements for use of oil and gas bearing subsoil, obtaining quotas for mining operations, court disputes related to different oil and gas issues.



Our Practice

Furthermore, we render legal services which are of express necessity for foreign companies, i.e. drafting employment agreements with employees, obtaining employment permits for foreign employees, tax planning of foreign investments, corporate restructurings, state registration of foreign investments etc.

Oleksiy M. Volkov, Managing Partner, has been steadily acclaimed over last years as one of the reputable Ukrainian lawyers in Corporate. Mr. Volkov has been intern at American law firm Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. which is specialized in Oil and Gas, Mining and Renewable Energy.

Volkov & Partners closely cooperates with a number of international law firms. We are open for co-operation and this attitude brings success to our clients. Furthermore, the firm is a member of such organizations as TAG Law and International Business Law Consortium (IBLC), which enables us to support projects handled in multiple jurisdictions in a cost-effective manner.

At the same time the firm constantly provides information support to its clients on various matters including those related to developments in the Ukrainian oil and gas and energy regulations.



Our Practice

Our practice comprises a comprehensive range of services in the field of energy, which includes advising on the following issues:

- Licensing of special types of business activity in the sphere of oil and gas exploration and production, energy production and supply, renewable energy;
- Legal aspects of trade of energy resources;
- Taxation of enterprises of the oil and gas and energy industries;
- Legal issues concerning environmental protection;
- Entering into joint activity agreements;
- Acquisition and disposal of interest in oil and gas fields;
- Project development financing;
- Entering into production sharing agreements;
- Asset sale and purchase;
- Franchise/licensing agreements



Our Practice

Our Team

Our team comprises reputable professionals in the area of Energy and Natural Resources. Many of them have academic degrees and have been seconded to the world leading law firms.

Oleksiy Volkov, who leads Energy practice, is one of the prominent experts widely praised by peers for impeccable reputation and professional skills.

Clients

Our clients include, among others:

Regal Petroleum, Kuwait Energy, Basic Element, Prime Gas, Swissport, Central European Media Enterprises, Cargill, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco, Carlsberg, AES Corporation, EBRD, ALICO, Austrian Airlines, General Motors, Auchan, Metro Cash & Carry, Samsung Electronics, Corus, Colgate Palmolive, Henkel, Kimberly-Clark, Unilever, Electrolux, Lenovo, Fortis Bank, Société Générale, ABN AMRO, Hyundai, Hunt Oil, Marathon Oil, JN Rotschild, Red Bull GmbH.



Our Experience

Volkov and Partners has vast experience of providing our clients with legal support of their activities in the oil and gas activities and wider energy sector. Among the most prominent projects on which we have advised we can mention the following ones:

- Advising Regal Petroleum on a number of issues including among others:
 - a) Negotiations with NJSC Nadra Ukrainy on the starting stage of joint activity;
 - b) Drafting and negotiating joint activity agreement with ChernihivNaftoGasGeology;
 - c) Drafting legal opinions and memoranda on the issues of taxation, winding up of the joint activity with ChernihivNaftoGasGeology, employment and the company's operating activities;
 - d) Re-registration of the wells and equipment in the name of joint activity (as a separate entity) and drafting legal opinions on control of joint activity's finances;
 - e) Providing information and drafting legal opinions regarding issues of validity of company's licences and other issues of Ukrainian law and industry regulation for admission document in the process of IPO at LSE's AIM;
 - f) Drafting due diligence report of Ukrainian assets owned by Regal Petroleum plc;
- Advising Brazilian multinational energy company on their interest in production sharing agreement regarding exploration and production of oil and gas in Ukrainian sector of Black Sea continental shelf;
- Advising several individual clients on their litigations involving Gazprom and its subsidiaries;



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- Advising the largest Kazakh oil and gas producer on potential acquisition of their Ukrainian assets;
- Advising Mobil Oil, now part of Exxon Mobil Corporation, multinational oil and gas corporation, on Ukrainian regulatory issues;
- Advising Marathon Oil, an integrated international energy company, with respect to oil and gas exploration and production laws and communicating with government agencies on project feasibility;
- Advising number of large Ukrainian oil traders in connection with appeals against the Antimonopoly Committee's ruling;
- Advising Carpatsky Petroleum on exploration and production including pilot production and preparing draft contracts;
- Advising Gas Ukrainy, the largest Ukrainian gas-supplying company, on a number of court disputes;
- Advising Kuwait Energy Company, an independent oil and gas exploration and production company, on acquisition of their Ukrainian assets, obtaining antimonopoly clearance, syndicate loan facility and a number of litigation and contract issues;
- Advising Prime Gas, Ukrainian oil and gas company, on potential acquisition of producing assets in Ukraine and multiple contractual issues;
- Advising Energy and Fuel of Ukraine state company on their day-to-day business;
- Advising UkrGasContract on exploration of natural gas;
- Advising US company with respect to establishing Polar Oil & Gas Company and subsequent production sharing agreement;
- Advising client on entering into production sharing agreement for the project with UkhtaNefteGasGeology Company.



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Throughout recent years our firm has continuously improved its position in TOP-15 Ukrainian Law Firms list according to Yuridicheskaia Praktika (Legal Practice) weekly.

We are recommended by renowned legal directories:

- Chambers Global
- Martindale-Hubbell
- The Legal 500
- PLC Which Lawyer?

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