Dr. Constantin BRÂNZAN, former judge at the High Court of Cassation and Justice, with over 40 years' experience in magistracy, joins POPESCU & ASOCIAȚII team



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Attorney at law Constantin BLANZAN, a career magistrate until 2018, with more than four decades of judicial experience, has joined POPESCU & ASOCIAȚII team within the Litigation and Arbitration Department.

A renowned jurist, with a doctoral degree (2001), and a postgraduate degree in civil law (1987), he has a solid expertise, acquired during a long judicial career, including as a judge at the High Court of Cassation and Justice, where he has been active for more than 15 years, a period within which he also held the position of Director of the National Institute of Magistracy.

After completing his career as a judge, he regained the status of arbitrator and supra-arbitrator at the International Commercial Arbitration Court of the Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as at the Court of Commercial, Maritime and River Arbitration, at the Chamber of Commerce, Navigation and Agriculture Constanța.

As a result of being active as a judge, **Dr. Constantin BRÂNZAN** has acquired a thorough knowledge of the judicial system in Romania and the European Union, having an exhaustive understanding of the civil, commercial, banking and finance, insurance and human rights law.

"I am honored to join the extraordinary team of **POPESCU & ASOCIAȚII** lawyers, and I am sure that together we will be able to develop the practice areas for which they are recognized, as well as the client portfolio. At the same time, I believe that together we can bring even more value to **POPESCU & ASOCIAȚII** litigation department, recognized on the market by both clients and specialized publications," said Dr. **Constantin BRANZAN**.

"In this time of uncertainty, companies need stable and experienced teams of lawyers to manage files in a responsible manner. Mr. BRÂNZAN comes with impressive experience in the local judicial system and shares the same principles and values with **POPESCU & ASOCIAȚII** team members, both seniors and juniors: excellence, responsibility, rigour and ethics in the legal profession. It is a joy to have alongside a professional of this calibre and I am confident that together we will build the strongest litigation team in Romania," added **Octavian POPESCU**.

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Established as a full-service law firm, **POPESCU & ASOCIAȚII** and its lawyers succeeded in only 1 year since the incorporation to be included among the Romania's elite in Corporate and M&A, Banking and Finance, Dispute Resolution, PPP and Procurement, Restructuring and Insolvency, Tax and White-Collar Crime based on great capabilities in the legal field, recognitions granted by all the prestigious legal directories such as Chambers & Partners, IFLR 1000, Benchmark Litigation and Legal 500 EMEA.

The firm has been shortlisted by *Benchmark Litigation Europe* for <u>Litigation Law Firm of the Year in Romania</u> at the 2020 edition of Benchmark Litigation Europe Awards and by Europa Property, Central Eastern and Southern Eastern Europe's leading Online Commercial Real Estate Publisher and Events Organizer, for Real Estate Law Firm of the Year in Romania, at the 15th edition of SEE Real Estate Awards,

In addition, POPESCU & ASOCIAȚII has received Best Litigation Law Firm in Romania award and have been recognized as one of the best White-Collar Crime Romanian law firms, based on our outstanding experience and market recognition in Romania at the Legal Awards Gala 2019.