Stratulat Albulescu wins approximately EUR 1 million judgement from Bucharest Court of Appeal for Romprest against the Ministry of European Funds



Stratulat Albulescu has successfully represented Compania Romprest Service S.A. ("Romprest"), one of the Romanian leaders in facility management, in obtaining a landmark decision by the Bucharest Court of Appeal, with the annulment of the minutes and corresponding Decision for ascertaining the irregularities and establishing the budgetary receivables issued in 2018 based on AMPOSDRU financing agreement, and with the obligation of the defendant, namely Ministry of European Funds, to reimburse the plaintiff the amount of LEI 4,724,889.90 (EUR 973,935.41), as well as to pay the plaintiff the related legal interest, starting with the date of filing the lawsuit, namely 9 February 2018, until the date of actual payment.

This is an excellent result after a 2 year-long difficult case, that dates back since 2018. The decision is significant considering its value and for the confirmation of the truthfulness of the expenses with salaries and of the authenticity of the executed documents, which were under discussion and verification within the trial.

**Roxana Catea**, *Managing Associate in the Dispute Resolution Group at Stratulat Albulescu Attorneys at Law* says: "This has been a hard fought legally technical dispute which has lasted over two years. Our Dispute Resolution team have proudly represented Romprest throughout the process and ultimately, the Bucharest Court of Appeal came to the right conclusion."

<u>Romprest</u> is one of Romania's leaders in Facility Management, providing a highly diversified range of services across four main segments: Professional Cleaning and Maintenance for commercial and industrial sites; Waste Management; Road Construction and Urban Infrastructure and Security. With more than 6,000 employees, Romprest's goal is to maintain its position as one of the top companies in the field and to permanently operate as a dynamic, successful and respectable entity.

The Ministry of European Funds is the coordinating authority in Romania for European funds, for structural and investments funds 2014-2020 (ESI funds), structural instruments 2007-2013, and financial mechanisms in the European and Norwegian Economic Space. As such, the institution is the contact point with the European Commission for ESI funds, ensures relations with the Commission and coordinates authorities that have a role in managing funds, coordinates the development and modification of operational funds, monitors the programme implementation stage and coordinates the evaluation of fund implementation, coordinates communication between ESI funds in Romania.

The Stratulat Albulescu team representing Romprest included Managing Associate <u>Roxana Catea</u> and Associate <u>Andreea Stanciu</u>.