

Cristian Vlaicu - New Partner and Head of Banking and Finance at Stratulat Albulescu Attorneys at Law



Stratulat Albulescu strengthens its Banking and Finance practice group in Bucharest with the recruitment of new Partner Cristian Vlaicu who is to become the Head of the practice.

Cristian joined the firm on 12 October 2020. Prior to joining us, Cristian led the Banking and Finance practices at Wolf Theiss and DLA Piper and worked as senior legal adviser for ING and Raiffeisen Bank.

With more than 20 years' experience in the banking and finance field, Cristian acts for both lenders and borrowers and, in recent years, has been involved in advising international banks and financial institutions on a number of ground-breaking transactions in the CEE region. He is particularly well known for his expertise in local and cross-border structured and complex finance transactions, sale of NPL portfolios and regulatory issues, including matters related to banks' sale procedures.

Cristian is highly recognised for his work on the most complex and innovative matters and has been nominated by the Legal 500 directory in 2010, 2017, 2018 and 2019. Throughout his career, he has advised clients from all over the world having dealt with people from diverse cultural backgrounds and in every major business sector.

In addition, Cristian has published numerous legal articles on banking and finance law and he is also the co-author of the chapter regarding Romania in the second edition of "Set-Off Law and Practice, An International Handbook", edited by Oxford University Press, a department of Oxford University, one of the leading universities in the world.

Silviu Stratulat, *Managing Partner*, commented: "We are delighted to have Cristian join our team and take over the Banking & Finance practice. Cristian's arrival will allow us to go to the next level, offering an improved and more extensive range of services to our clients. The timing is absolutely right as the need for financing and associated services will be higher in the context of the impact that COVID-19 is having on world economies."

"Stratulat Albulescu is an incredibly energetic firm which provides the perfect environment for growth" said **Cristian Vlaicu**. "I am thrilled to become a member of such an excellent group of professionals. My goal is to blend my skills and experience with the industry knowledge and energy of the existing team members with a view to support the firms' existing dynamics and grow the Banking & Finance Practice even further" he added.