## Stratulat Albulescu recruits Counsel for its Arbitration Group



## Sofia Cozac, a 14-year experienced arbitration attorney, joined SAA from Zamfirescu Racoti Vasile & Partners as of May 15th.

Sofia has a particular focus on construction arbitration and ICSID arbitration, being also specialized in ICC and VIAC arbitration proceedings. She regularly advises clients on matters related to construction disputes, including FIDIC contracts, post-privatization related disputes and administrative contentious claims.

Additionally, she acts as arbitrator in arbitration cases before the Court of International Commercial Arbitration attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, being also the President of the Dolj Court of Arbitration.

Sofia is also a PhD Student with the International Commercial Arbitration and trains students on the same at Willem C. Vis Moot, an international competition for law students aiming to foster the study and practice of international commercial sales law and arbitration.

**Silviu Stratulat**, *Managing Partner*, commented: "Sofia's appointment is an important development for our larger Dispute Resolution group as it will add further depth to an area we've been wanting to expand for a while in the context of increased client demand."

**Sofia Cozac** added: "I'm excited to join such a dynamic and complex team at Stratulat Albulescu and look forward to having the opportunity to work, alongside my other colleagues in the Disputes Group, to enlarge the practice further and create a hub for reliable and client-oriented dispute resolution advice and guidance. As a professional in this field, I see more and more players opt for arbitration, as an alternative to the traditional courts of law, and I am determined to help SAA ride this wave and also incentivize its clients' choice for this type of dispute resolution. At the same time, my role will entail a business development angle, which is an area SAA has pioneered over time and can educate on in great detail. "