**BCCK Legal Committee**

The Legal Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce in Kosovo (BCCK) is established to support our members in navigating legal and regulatory challenges that impact the business community. By providing practical guidance, sharing legal insights, and fostering dialogue between businesses and institutions, the committee helps promote a transparent, fair, and predictable business environment in Kosovo.

Our mission is to strengthen legal certainty, encourage good governance, and ensure that the voice of the business community is heard in matters of policy and regulation.

The committee is committed to upholding the rule of law as a cornerstone of sustainable economic growth, transparency, and investor confidence.

**Honoring Kosovo’s Legal Tradition**

Kosovo’s legal heritage reflects a long-standing tradition of law, governance, and civic responsibility. From its historical foundations to today’s modern legal system aligned with European standards, the country’s legal development continues to shape a strong and principled framework for doing business.

The BCCK Legal Committee builds on this tradition by promoting legal certainty, supporting the rule of law, and encouraging good practices that contribute to a fair and transparent business environment.

**Our Mission**

The BCCK Legal Committee is dedicated to strengthening Kosovo’s business environment by promoting legal certainty, advocating for reform, and supporting the rule of law as a foundation for sustainable economic growth. By bridging historical legal values with modern, EU-aligned frameworks, we aim to foster transparency, trust, and a more predictable climate for investment and commerce.

**Key Responsibilities:**

1. **Legal Advisory & Compliance**
* Provides legal guidance on corporate governance, business regulations, and Chamber policies.
* Ensures compliance with local and international laws, particularly those impacting Chamber operations and its members.
* Monitors legislative and regulatory changes affecting businesses and offers timely updates.
1. **Contract Management & Review**
* Drafts, reviews, and negotiates contracts, agreements, and MoUs to protect the Chamber’s interests.
* Ensures legal soundness in business partnerships, sponsorships, and member agreements
* Assists members in understanding contractual obligations and best practices.

**3. Dispute Resolution & Mediation**

* Offers guidance on alternative dispute resolution, and arbitration for Chamber members, namely
	+ International Chamber of Commerce, (ICC)
	+ London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
	+ International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID):
	+ The London Maritime Arbitrators Association (the LMAA) *ad hoc arbitration* UNCITRAL rules
	+ Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC).
* Supports businesses in resolving contractual and regulatory disputes through non-litigation means.
* Collaborates with legal professionals and institutions to facilitate fair resolutions.

**4. Regulatory Issues on investment**

* Assistance and advice on how to start a new business in Kosovo;
* Assistance in business registration procedures;
* Assistance during the application process for obtaining necessary permit and license for new business from relevant Kosovar Supervisory Bodies;
* Finding an ideal location for establishing businesses.
* Provide information on specific sectors, different projects and potential partners, with whom you can collaborate.

5. **Special Economic Zones “EZ”**

* Assist in application and placement of business into special economic zones and business incubators, including drafting, review of applications to EZ and negotiation with EZ authorities
* Inform potential investors on Economic Zone’s primary and secondary legislation;
* Provides information in regard to legalized EZ physical infrastructure;
* Cooperate and coordinate for with municipalities the placement of foreign and local investors in to the EZ;

**7. Intellectual Property & Data Protection**

* Advises members on intellectual property rights, including trademarks and brand protection strategies in Kosovo, the European Union, and the United Kingdom.
* Ensures compliance with data protection laws, including the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the UK Data Protection Act (UK-GDPR), and applicable local privacy regulations.
* Provides guidance on cybersecurity and data governance, including confidentiality agreements, data security protocols, and best practices to safeguard sensitive information.

**8. Strategic Role in Chamber Activities**

The Legal Committee plays a central role in managing legal and regulatory risk, ensuring that BCCK initiatives are aligned with applicable laws and standards. It actively supports business growth, investment, and ethical practices through legal advocacy and strategic guidance. By promoting transparency, legal certainty, and a fair business environment, the Committee contributes to a more predictable and investor-friendly climate for all members.

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