



MUŞAT & ASOCIAȚII

Litigation Department



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Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence

Muşat & Asociații is placed in the Leading category in Dispute Resolution in the latest rankings provided by the reputed international legal guides, Legal 500 and PLC Which Lawyer?.

“ Well-rounded and comprehensive dispute resolution practice, with regional and multinational coverage. The team is praised by clients for its “experienced and skilful litigators who are extremely client-focused.

*Source: **Chambers & Partners***

“ Able to reconcile parties and resolve disputes before recourse to the courts, a great and important skill for companies, saving time and money.

*Source: **Legal 500***

“ Muşat & Asociații's strong practice has a proven track acting for both public-sector bodies and private companies defending and pursuing litigation claims.

*Source: **Legal 500***

Muşat & Asociații recently appointed Gheorghe Buta as Head of the Dispute Resolution department, while Luminița Popa coordinates the firm's Arbitration practice.

The firm further strengthened its Dispute Resolution practice by promoting Nicolae Viorel Dinu and Octavian Popescu to Partnership and by recruiting seven experienced litigators, thus exceeding 25 specialists in this area of expertise.

Subsequent to our recent appointments, the new structure of the Dispute Resolution department includes:

- ★ Gheorghe Buta, supervising the entire Litigation practice
- ★ Luminița Popa, head of Arbitration practice.
- ★ Anca Buta Muşat, coordinating Antitrust, Intellectual Property and Pharmaceuticals disputes.
- ★ Nicolae Viorel Dinu, coordinating Commercial & Real estate litigations.
- ★ Octavian Popescu, specialized in bankruptcy & insolvency, white collar crime and criminal law.

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The new appointments are richly deserved and add further strength to the leadership of our highly regarded litigation and arbitration team in Romania. Now our litigation and arbitration practice is coordinated by five experienced Partners, who hold the qualifications and expertise to deal with most complex and diverse disputes in Romania”.

*Gheorghe Muşat, Senior Partner*



## Gheorghe Buta

Gheorghe Buta is one of the most prominent figures of the Romanian legal practice being the former President of the High Court of Cassation and Justice – the Commercial Division and the former president and vice-president of numerous other courts in Romania. He has gathered an extensive trial experience over 30 years, which enables him now to have a unique approach in handling cases before any Romanian court of law.

Gheorghe Buta, PhD, is also renowned for his academic works that combine sensible matters regarding the newly reformed judicial framework in Romania, with valuable insights into the courts' practice. His work is acknowledged by numerous awards from professional associations, such as the Union of Jurists of Romania and the "Judicial Merit" award presented by the President of Romania.

Over the years, he has authored several volumes of reference, such as "Civil Procedure Code – commented and annotated", "Business Law", "The Commercial Jurisdiction – Theory and Jurisprudence", "Payment Summons Procedure" as well as over 100 articles, studies and contributions to professional publications. Twice serving as member of the Superior Council of Magistracy, he has been nominated by the Government as Romania's candidate for a judge position at the European Court for Human Rights.



## Luminița Popa

Luminița Popa heads the firm's Arbitration practice. She developed broad legal expertise in foreign investment protection and international arbitration, being involved in important multi-jurisdictional legal projects. Mrs Popa has recently obtained a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the prestigious Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (DiplCARb) in the United Kingdom and holds a vast expertise in international arbitration procedures, being involved in the management of the strategy and defense and the representation of high-profile international clients before a large number of international arbitration tribunals, such as ICC or ICSID.



## Anca Buta Muşat

Anca Buta Muşat coordinates Antitrust, Intellectual Property and Pharmaceuticals disputes. She is an experienced team leader involved in major Competition/Antitrust litigations, renowned for her skilled and thorough approach to complex cases regarding enforcement mechanisms employed by the competition authority, negotiations on remedies endorsing antitrust approvals, exclusivity arrangements, price-fixing and market sharing cartel investigations. Additionally, she has been directly and constantly involved many of the most novel intellectual property litigations conducted in the recent years on the Romanian market, advising key international clients on sensitive issues such as patent infringement or annulment, trademark and copyright infringements, or IP rights enforcement.



## Nicolae Viorel Dinu

Nicolae Viorel Dinu returns to Muşat & Asociații as a Partner after five years as Managing Associate at Salans-Moore & Associates. Dinu started his career at Muşat & Asociații in 1996, being involved in numerous privatisations and investment projects, as well as in civil and commercial litigations. In 2002 he attended The George Washington University Law School, obtaining a LLM degree in 2003. He has entered the New York State Bar in 2004. Over the years, he has successfully handled a large portfolio of commercial, administrative and fiscal litigations, as well as international arbitration procedures, representing foreign investors before international arbitration tribunals, such as ICC or ICSID.



## Octavian Popescu

Octavian Popescu has been practicing litigation at Muşat & Asociații for more than six years, being now one of the firm's most valuable litigators focused on white collar crime, fraud and insolvencies. Octavian Popescu, who has been recently promoted to Partner, is one of the few lawyers on the local legal market whose expertise broadly covers the white-collar crime, financial fraud, economic espionage and cybercrimes. Further areas of expertise include insolvency & restructuring and labour litigations.

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