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Genc Boga is the founder and Managing Partner of Boga & Associates which operates in both jurisdictions of Albania and Kosovo. Mr. Boga's fields of expertise include business and company law, concession law, energy law, corporate law, banking and finance, taxation, litigation, competition law, real estate, environment protection law etc.

Mr. Boga has solid expertise as advisor to banks, financial institutions and international investors operating in major projects in energy, infrastructure and real estate. Thanks to his experience, Boga & Associates is retained as legal advisor on regular basis by the most important financial institutions and foreign investors.

He regularly advises EBRD, IFC and World Bank in various investment projects in Albania and Kosovo.

Mr. Boga is continuously ranked as leading lawyer in Albania by Chambers and Partners and IFLR 1000.

He is fluent in English, French and Italian.

Education:

- Law Faculty, University of Tirana, Albania (1986)
- University of Paris X-Nanterre, Paris, France (1988)
- University of Paris II-Panthéon, Sorbonne, Paris, France (1990)

Memberships:

- Albanian Bar Association
- International Bar Association
- Arbiter at Court of Arbitration for Sport
- Member of Albanian National Olympic Committee
- Member of American Chamber of Commerce in Albania
- Founder and member of the Executive Board of International Chamber of Commerce – National Committee in Albania
- Founder and member of Executive Board of Chamber of Commerce and Industry France – Albania
- Member of the Board of Directors at Albanian Children's Foundation
- Member of the Board of Trustees of Youth Albania Parcel Service

Publications:

- **CEE Legal Matters:** Privatization in Albania: A Snapshot
- **The Lawyer magazine** - editorial- “ Briefing Balkans”- Albania
- **Corporate INTL** – “International Tax Who’s Who features”
- **New European Economy** – “Get Direction with Boga & Associates”
- **The International Comparative Legal Guide** to “Securitization” - (A practical insight to cross-border Securitization Law)

Highlights of relevant and significant projects:

- Legal assistance to EBRD (a) in connection with the financing of Albanian companies under the framework of a EUR 250 million facility for banks, non-bank financial institutions, factoring companies, consumer finance companies, mortgage companies and insurance companies operating in Albania; (b) in connection with a number of secured loans granted under its Western Balkans Sustainable Energy Direct Financing Facility to Albanian small and medium sized enterprises; (c) in connection to the implementation of the Western Balkans Sustainable Energy Direct Financing Facility (WeBSEDF/ALBANIA); (d) in the process of considering the financing of construction of two small hydro power plants over Rapun river in Albania in the amount of up to EUR 6 million; (e) in the process of considering the financing of construction and operation of two small hydro power plants in the district of Mat, namely SHPP Cerruje 1 (2.3 MW) and SHPP Cerruje 2 (2.9 MW) in the amount of up to EUR 3 million.
- Legal assistance to Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) related to all the legal issues during the implementation of the project in Albania, mainly focused in gas, hydrocarbons and energy law, on corporate and financial issues, competition law, environmental and concession law, public procurement law, expropriation, construction and urban planning law, employment and social security issues, immigration for expatriates, administrative issues, insurance, licensing requirements and procedures to be followed near the competent authorities in order for the client to conduct its activity to the Project implementation in the submission of applications for obtaining licenses, permits and authorizations.
- Advised EBRD on the assessment of insolvency office holders in Albania.
- Legal advisor to EBRD with regard to the securities’ market assessment project. Assessment of the legal framework governing the securities, focusing on the role of public authorities engaged in the implementation and monitoring of the securities law, role of market intermediaries, issuers and their duties, clearing and settlement systems, etc;
- Legal advisor to EBRD and IFC in the context of acquisition of shares from INSIG (public insurance company) and amendment of its by-laws post privatization.
- Legal assistance to EBRD and IFC regarding their senior secured loan facility of EUR 120 million to Vodafone Albania Sh.A., for purposes of expanding the company’s mobile network in Albania.

- Legal advisor to EFG Eurobank Ergasias S.A. in connection with a bilateral credit facility entered into between EFG as lender and an Albanian joint stock company which operates in the cement sector, as borrower.
- Legal assistance to Linklaters regarding queries on the Albanian legal and regulatory framework on financial and banking services and risks related with financing activities outside the Albanian territory.
- Assisted ProCredit Bank on regulatory aspects of its banking activity in Albania, corporate, lending transactions, enforcement of creditors' rights.
- Legal and tax advisor to JP Morgan Worldwide Securities Services with regard to Albanian legal, regulatory and tax framework applicable to the securities lending program with the Central Bank of Albania.
- Legal advisor to DEG - Deutsche Investitions - und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH on the project finance of Tirana Airport Partners Shpk.
- Legal advisor to DEG - Deutsche Investitions - und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH and Raiffeisen Bank Sh.A. on their syndicated facility to KURUM International Sh.A.
- Legal advisor to Deutsche Bank with regard to the local legal framework affecting the right of Government of Albania to enter into direct negotiation with the Bank for the government bonds.
- Legal advisor to Black Sea Trade and Development Bank in connection with a senior debt of the value EUR 100 million provided by a syndicate of lenders in the process of the privatization of Albtelecom Sh.A.
- Legal advisory services to Raiffeisen Bank Albania in relation with a Loan Agreement to be entered into with an Albanian entity legal and tax advisors regarding the legal and fiscal framework on the financial lease applicable in Albania.
- Legal advisor to Credit Europe Bank N.V. on certain issues connected and arising in virtue of the loan granted to the largest fixed telephony services company – Albtelecom.
- Legal advisor to EBRD and BSTDB regarding a senior debt provided by a syndicate of lenders in the process of the privatization of Albtelecom Sh.A., the largest fixed telecommunication company in Albania.
- Legal advisory services regarding a senior secured loan facility issues to Vodafone Albania (one of the mobile operators in Albania, part of Vodafone group).
- Legal advisor to World Bank, IFC and Foreign Investment Advisory Service (FIAS) in preparing a report based on surveys on Small and Medium Size Enterprise related to Administrative Barriers in Albania.
- Legal advisor to the Housing Finance Project regarding the assessment of legal and regulatory issues relating to housing finance in Albania, including property and mortgage registration, collateral enforcement, condominium law and leasing and factoring issues.

- Legal advisor to IFC in relation to the granting of a loan to a Kosovo company operating in the manufacturing field.
- Legal advisor to the Southeast Europe Enterprise Development (SEED/IFC) for the review of the legal and regulatory framework and provision of recommendations relating to the introduction of factoring in Albania.
- Legal advisor to SEED/IFC concerning the establishment of a Credit Guarantee Scheme in Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- Legal advisor to World Bank in drafting the Insolvency Manual and on development of such manual in training judges on its implementation.
- Legal advisor to the World Bank in conducting periodical researches on Comparative Litigation Practices, Employment, Securities Market, Survey on Housing Finance Indicators, Legal Rights of Borrowers and Lenders (comparative analysis with international standards and relevant recommendations).
- Legal advisor to IFC/World Bank on the Guarantee Facility Agreement of the International Finance Corporation with the American Bank of Albania.
- Legal advisor to IFC in relation to two projects (project financing) consisting in loan to be extended to local entities organised and existing in Kosovo, one of which operates in the financial sector and the other in manufacturing.