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# INTRODUCTION |

For 33 years, The Legal 500 has been analysing the capabilities of law firms and sets across the world. In the research team, we constantly track which sections are used most by clients, and this often matches up with an increase in that section from submissions, client referees, requests for interviews and feedback – all of which make up the research process. The international arbitration rankings are consistently one of our most used and read editorial sections and one of the most competitive areas for law firms, sets, lawyers and barristers. This chimes with what we constantly hear anecdotally in the market, with international arbitration frequently cited as the preferred form of dispute resolution.

*The Arbitration Powerlist: Central and Eastern Europe* showcases the leading practitioners working in a broad sweep of countries, stretching from Austria and Poland to the Baltic nations and down to Serbia and North

Macedonia. As with any publication of this nature, we were faced with the dilemma of including as many worthy candidates as possible without diluting the significance of their listing. After lengthy discussions across the editorial team, we decided that a larger selection was necessary to provide sufficient nuance and balance across so many different markets. We hope that by expanding the selection we have managed to include some surprises.

To collate the list of leading practitioners we have of course drawn on our research team's expertise. We have also approached leading arbitrators, arbitral institutions and general counsel active in the market to help create a definitive list of the leading arbitration counsel in the Central and Eastern Europe region today. As such, we think the listing reflect those practitioners that are deemed the gold standard by business. ■

The Legal 500 – In-house Legal Research Team

## Tatjana Popovski-Buloski

Popovski & Partners

Location: Republic of North Macedonia

Number of years in practice: 21

Main sectors covered: Energy, metals, mining, retail and distribution

Languages: Macedonian, English, French

Tatjana Popovski Buloski is the founding partner of Popovski & Partners. With 20 years of experience in the North Macedonian legal sector, she is widely regarded as a leading domestic counsel on a range of matters, including M&A, securities, energy, telecommunications, insurance, concessions and PPP, equity investments, and project finance.

A hugely experienced litigator, she has also carved out a unique niche as one of the few Macedonian legal experts advising on international arbitrations. To date she has acted as local counsel on a number of bi-lateral investment treaty cases, typically representing international investors against the government. Her representations have also included commercial arbitrations under ICSID and ICC rules, often involving challenging issues related to the implementation of North Macedonian law.

One nominator comments, '[Tatjana Popovski Buloski] is one of the few North Macedonian lawyers to truly appreciate international legal issues. She is invaluable in helping clients navigate local business culture while also building a winning strategy.' She has published more than 30 articles in domestic and international editions on topics related to competition law, energy law, employment law, and dispute resolution.



### In conversation with...

'I have always loved litigation but international arbitration is an even greater high. These disputes are not just about legal skills – you need to have in-depth knowledge of a particular industry and an appreciation of the wider social and economic circumstances in the country. One must also have a good deal of creativity to provide a winning strategy for the client.' ■

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