



THE EU DIGITAL COPYRIGHT DIRECTIVE ((EU) 2019/790):

**A Collaboration Between Practical Law, Bird & Bird and
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Introduction

Practical Law is pleased to have worked in collaboration with Bird & Bird and associated firms on a suite of practical resources covering the key provisions and implementation of the [EU Digital Copyright Directive \(\(EU\) 2019/790\)](#).

Our team has meticulously curated a series of eight practice notes that provide an essential overview of the Directive's implementation across 26 EU Member States. Lawyers and in-house counsel will gain a competitive edge with our in-depth analysis and critical country-specific insights.

Bringing together the expert views of local copyright specialists (sourced from Bird & Bird's European offices as well as other top-ranking firms), our content set combines legal acumen with practical insights as to the status and nature of implementation of this significant piece of EU legislation in the relevant EU member states, ensuring you stay ahead of the curve in understanding the Directive's implementation. The content set will be updated by the relevant contributors on an annual basis to reflect changes to the implementation status in each member state.

The Directive entered into force on 6 June 2019 with the aim of adapting and supplementing the existing EU copyright framework, to modernise and further harmonise copyright and related rights in the digital single market. The Directive has implications for EU businesses, and businesses with an EU presence.

EU directives are binding as to the result to be achieved, but leave it to member states' discretion as to how to achieve the result. The Directive sets out a legal framework which EU member states must transpose into their national laws, including measures to:

- Adapt exceptions and limitations to copyright and related rights to digital and cross-border environments for specific purposes. The measures include provisions on exceptions for text and data mining.
- Improve licensing practices to ensure wider access to content, including the use of out-of-commerce works, collective licensing with an extended effect, and the online availability of audiovisual works on video-on-demand platforms.
- Achieve a well-functioning and fair marketplace for copyright. The measures include significant provisions which create a new right relating to the digital use of press publications, impose new obligations on online providers who store large amounts of user-generated content to reach agreement with rights-holders for the use of their works or to prevent their works being made available,

and set out terms to improve contract transparency, and access to fair remuneration for the benefit of authors and performers. There is also a mechanism for the revocation of rights that authors and performers have transferred on an exclusive basis.

The Directive imposed an implementation deadline of 7 June 2021, but by that date only three member states had implemented its terms into their national laws and since then, the speed and extent of implementation has varied across the member states.

The new [Digital Copyright Directive Toolkit \(International\)](#) is comprised of a series of practice notes that explain the key provisions of the Directive, and their implementation by the member states. The practice notes include [Practice note, Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Overview](#), which provides an overview of implementation by each member state, and seven notes on the member state implementation of each of the key provisions.

The notes consider whether and how each member state has transposed the key provisions, including whether and how the member state's implementation differs from the Directive. Each resource contains valuable country-specific content contributed by local copyright specialists from each member state.

Our [Digital Copyright Directive Toolkit](#) and the notes in it are accessible via the Practical Law Global homepage. Some of the resources in the Toolkit are only available to users with an enhanced Global subscription. For questions about access to this content, please contact your Account Manager.

The resources in the Toolkit include the following:

- Practice Notes
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: key provisions.](#)
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Overview.](#)
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Articles 3 and 4.](#)
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Article 12.](#)
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Article 13.](#)
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Articles 15 and 16.](#)

- [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Article 17.](#)
- [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Articles 18 to 20.](#)
- [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Articles 21 to 23.](#)
- Quick Compare Charts
 - [Digital Copyright Directive – Member State Implementation.](#)

- Video and audio
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: Content Overview.](#)
 - [Digital Copyright Directive: Member State Implementation: Autumn 2023 Update.](#)

Make this roadmap your go-to resource as you navigate the Directive's implementation across Europe.

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I am an associate in the Intellectual Property and Tech & Comms teams in Brussels. My work covers a wide range of legal areas, including copyright, software rights, IT contracts, community designs, trademarks, and general commercial law.

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After graduating from the University of Ghent, I obtained a specialised Master's in European law from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. During my studies, I gained legal experience by completing several internships in IP/IT departments of Bird & Bird and other international law firms based in Brussels.

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I enjoy working with innovative, creative and technology-rich businesses. Having joined our firm in 2009, I head up our Intellectual Property and Tech & Comms Groups in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Although I have quite a broad focus, I mainly specialise in all aspects of intellectual property and technology law, whether contentious, commercial or regulatory. My expertise covers, for example, litigation over copyright, trade marks, designs and patents, fighting against counterfeit products, negotiating licence agreements as well as a variety of IT contracts, managing cross-border projects and

advising on brand portfolios. I also assist clients with numerous matters in the field of data protection, competition law and pharmaceutical, telecoms and broadcasting regulation.

Being a technology lawyer, I currently take immense interest in topics like Generative AI, application of blockchain technology in business and the advancements in quantum computing.

Operating among the leading experts in intellectual property law in the Czech Republic, I have been repeatedly awarded the Managing IP Star, been recognised by Who's Who Legal and I am listed in the Gold Tier by the World Trademark Review, IAM Patent, Chambers and Legal500.



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I am a junior associate at the Bird & Bird's office in Prague, a member of the Intellectual Property and Tech & Comms groups.

My passion for innovative thinking and creativity drew me to intellectual property law – all aspects concerning patents, copyright and trademarks, with a particular focus on matters related to new technology solutions and their implementation. I also support clients advising on employment and competition law issues.

Before joining Bird & Bird, I worked for a recognised Czech copyright law boutique firm and spent part of my studies in Berlin specialising in IP law.

As Bird & Bird is a household name for IP and tech-driven legal work, the opportunity to work here as a junior associate has allowed me to develop my passion. An innovative approach to problem solving and an ethical firm culture is what I value the most about working here.

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I am an associate with a key focus on intellectual property law, both in the context of commercial transactions and in litigation matters. I also provide legal advice to tech start-ups, scale-ups and large companies alike in M&A transactions with investors and in other transactions in the fundraising process.

As a lawyer, my focus is not only on providing the client with an efficient legal solution to a problem but also on providing one that is commercially and practically feasible. As a big fan of cutting edge technology, I always enjoy dealing with issues that are both legally and technologically exciting.

My areas of key focus are copyright, trademark and unfair competition related matters, but I also have experience in patent litigation. My intellectual property law expertise is complemented by my previous experience as a group in-house counsel, where I had helped to create the first 'unicorn' company in the Czech market in the context of several fundraising rounds and an international corporate restructuring.

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I am a junior associate in our Intellectual Property team, based in our Copenhagen office. I advise national and international clients on a broad range of aspects of IP law, with a particular focus on media, entertainment and life science.

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As an advisor, I am efficient while ensuring that quality is still my utmost priority. No matter how complex the legal issue may be, I strive to always provide comprehensive and reliable advice.

Due to my upbringing abroad and international work experience, I understand the importance of cultural awareness, which I utilise to the benefit of Bird & Bird's international clients and when advising in cross-border issues.

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With a focus on advising clients in the fields of Intellectual Property and Life Sciences & Healthcare, my everyday work includes assignments in regard to trademarks, domain and business names, utility models, patents, industrial designs, geographical indications and copyrights, as well as pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Dealing additionally with commercial contracts gives me a clear advantage in drafting related agreements.

Professional highlights

Trademarks. I manage the trademark portfolios of many well-known local and international clients. This includes taking care of registration, renewals, licensing and assignment.

Domain names. I assist clients in domain name registration and disputes. For example, Carri Ginter and I represented the Estonian president in a dispute over retrieving a domain comprising her full name.

Copyright. I am dedicated to ensuring proper copyright regulations in employment, services, licensing and assignment agreements.

Life Sciences & Healthcare. Being co-head of the firm's Life Sciences & Healthcare sector in Estonia requires an in-depth understanding of regulation on pharmaceuticals and medical devices, as well as the everyday business of sector clients.

Commercial contracts. I draft both general and tailor-made agreements such as non-disclosure, co-operation, service, franchising, actors, intellectual property licensing and assignment agreements.

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I am a partner in our Helsinki office and head of our Finnish Intellectual Property Group.

Disputes concerning trademarks, patents and unfair business practices form the core of my practice. Having represented clients in numerous IP infringement and invalidation actions, preliminary injunctions, IP related damages claims and criminal enforcement of IP rights, I have gained valuable experience and insights of all kinds of IP disputes, including those with cross-border elements. My litigation expertise also covers trade secrets, marketing, consumer protection, technology transfers and license agreements.

On the non-contentious side, I regularly advise in local, EU and international brand protection measures, such as clearance searches, IPR application strategies, oppositions and office actions, co-existence agreements and trademark watching. In addition, I support our clients in developing and implementing IP strategies, and have devised several employee invention policies for innovative companies. During my career of over 10 years, I have had the privilege to work with the most prestigious brands and fascinating technologies from Finland and abroad.

In addition to IP enforcement and protection, I am an experienced negotiator of IP intensive agreements. In this regard, I support our clients' research and development activities, advise on how to acquire or sell technology, brands or other IP assets, and consult in the licensing of industrial data, for example. Additionally, I regularly advise clients from heavily regulated industries, especially from the life sciences, healthcare or food and beverage sectors, on different distribution, reselling and contract manufacturing arrangements as well as making sure our clients' marketing campaigns and product launches are done lawfully.

I am an active member of the Finnish IP community, and currently acting as the secretary of the Finnish Association for Industrial Property Rights. I have also served as secretary and board member of the Finnish Anti-Counterfeiting Group. In addition, I regularly lecture on various IP topics.

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My main areas of expertise are copyright law and the intersection of intellectual property and private international law/conflict of laws. I often speak and present at professional events here in France and internationally.

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In the life sciences sector, I represent food and tobacco manufacturers as well as pharmaceutical and food supplement companies in unfair competition and regulatory disputes over product communication: advertising and claims. Advice and disputes revolve around novel foods and novel tobacco products as well as pharmaceuticals and food supplements. Regulated claims and the requirement to ensure a sufficient evidence base for product-related claims in health advertising involve both a medicinal and pharmaceutical background as well as food, tobacco and pharma regulation.

One area of focus in the life sciences sector is advice and litigation in the medicinal Cannabis and CBD space. My team assists Cannabis manufacturers with market entry in Germany, in litigation over product-regulatory and advertising disputes and in proceedings and negotiations with public authorities. We also advise our Cannabis and further life science clients on current legislative processes and develop positions and opinions.

Legal disputes in particular over TV and online coverage on good and pharma companies have taken increasing significance among our media and life science disputes. With a background in journalism (M.A.), focus on media economics and on-the-job journalism training at a public service TV station, I understand the logic of journalistic production and assist our clients on legal issues in PR crises.

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In addition, I advise both providers and customers on IT and content projects, contracts and convergence topics, and also specialise in licensing issues, especially in mobile/ecommerce, software and digital media.

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Today, besides providing advice on media law and copyright matters, I handle regulatory issues related to consumer and pharmaceutical products, including the launch of new products, advertising and distribution as well as respective claims and litigation.

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One of the main areas of my practice is platform law and artificial intelligence. I specialise in all aspects of (EU) platform law and the platform economy, especially online copyright law (e.g., according to the EU Copyright Directive), as well as provider liability, provider regulation, and content moderation (e.g., under the EU Digital Services Act). Furthermore, I advise our clients on the implementation of (generative) artificial intelligence, both internally within their companies (such as handling training data and AI output) and in relation to their products (e.g., advertising, games, or platforms). I provide guidance on all matters concerning intellectual property and regulation (e.g., within the framework of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act).

Regularly, I advise our clients in matters of communication and advertising law, with a focus on consumer goods (food and cannabis), particularly in cases of false reporting and PR crises (reputation management). Additionally, I provide comprehensive support on advertising claims and marketing campaigns for food and dietary supplements, scientifically supported health advertisements (according to the German Medicines Advertising Act), online and influencer marketing, and contests.

A particular emphasis is placed on cannabis, especially regarding product communication, youth protection, and distribution in light of the planned decriminalisation in Germany. I assist our clients in complying with legal requirements, shaping their business models related to cannabis (such as CBD products or medical cannabis), and effectively communicating their ideas.

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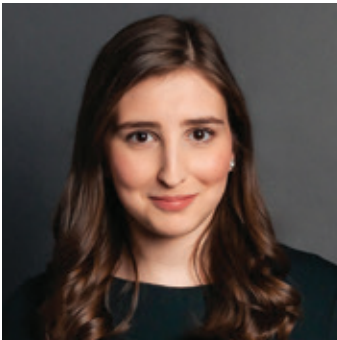
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I also advise companies from the TMT sector in connection with electronic communications regulatory matters and assist with their representation in front of the Hungarian regulator, the National Media and the Infocommunications Authority.

I graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Eötvös Loránd University in 2018 and obtained my second degree in international business from Corvinus University of Budapest in 2022. This helps me better understand the operation of our clients as businesses.

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I advise on the regulation of technology, gaming and gambling, consumer goods and services sold digitally, content and data-rich industries in Ireland. I am particularly focused on artificial intelligence, robotics, social media, m/e commerce, big data, digital supply chain, and 'frontier' technologies. Clients in these sectors value the help I give them in modelling legal relationships, and in applying appropriate weighting to their regulatory obligations.

My practice involves advising clients on the data protection and privacy obligations arising in their transactions, in respect of their employees, and the goods and services that they offer for sale in Ireland and other parts of the EU. I have extensive experience analysing a party's roles and responsibilities and determining how best to comply with the consequent GDPR and Irish laws in contracts, policies, products and services. Where a cyber security incident or data breach occurs, I help clients to see the big picture, and to sensibly manage the legal risks, contract performance issues, regulator interactions, insurance obligations and other breach concerns.

I also help clients to proactively manage conflicts, disputes, investigations and regulatory obligations involving technology, data, AI or IP assets, and related contracts.

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Prior to joining the above Firm, I practiced as a barrister for several years. This experience brought me before all levels of the Irish Courts and various regulatory tribunals. My practice had a particular focus on commercial litigation and judicial review of statutory bodies such as the DPC. During my time at the Bar, I was part of the legal team advising a financial institution in both regulated and unregulated fund litigation arising from the collapse of Bernard Madoff Investment Securities LLC. I was also appointed by the Minister for Justice and Equality to hear and determine appeals made by the International Protection Office on applications for protection in the State.

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I regularly comment on IP issues for well-known blogs the IPKat (most popular IP blog of all time according to the Justia rankings as of 1 July 2019) and The 1709 Blog, for which I have authored several hundreds of posts over the past few years.

I have prepared technical briefings at the request of and delivered talks to several international organisations and EU institutions and agencies (including WIPO, European Parliament, European Commission, and EUIPO), as well as international professional bodies and organisations (including ALAI, INTA, AIPPI, LIDC, and ECTA).

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Copyright matters. I advise clients on various intellectual property issues, especially in the field of copyright. I help clients with the development of intellectual property contracts and licences, explaining the existing regulation, as well as with the protection of their rights and interests, in the event of a copyright infringement or dispute.

Different types of contracts. In addition to intellectual property agreements, I also work with franchise agreements, sale of goods and services agreements, online terms of use for mobile apps and websites, and other documents.

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Stasys is involved in several ongoing data protection projects implementing the EU General Data Protection Regulation and also provides advice on GDPR application.

From time to time Stasys acts as an arbitrator in commercial disputes, such as transportation, energy, information technology and general contractual disputes.

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I am a partner in our Intellectual Property Group with over 20 years' experience, and I head up our leading IP team in the Netherlands. On the industry side I am head of our international luxury, fashion and retail team, and head of the Dutch Retail & Consumer Group.

As an experienced litigator, I specialise in trademark, design, copyright and advertising, and have a particular focus on cases involving product design. I handle cases in front of the courts as well as many proceedings at the Benelux trademark office and EUIPO.

Many of the contentious matters I work on have an international angle, and over the years I have developed a particular experience in pan-European enforcement strategies of trademarks and designs, including customs and parallel import enforcement strategies. In these multi-jurisdictional cases, I very much enjoy working closely with colleagues in other offices across the firm to provide the best service to our clients, keeping in mind not only the legal issues but the business side as well.

Apart from contentious work, my practice also provides global strategic advice on IP rights, and the protection and registration of trademark and design portfolios. Alongside my team, we offer cradle-to-grave trademark services, thereby combining our experience in both contentious and non-contentious matters.

I assist many businesses in the retail sector, including the world's best known brands. Working in the sector and heading both the Dutch Retail & Consumer Group and the international fashion, luxury and retail team, gives me a good understanding of the industry and the issues impacting it. I can help clients in finding the right lawyer to assist them.

During my career journey I have been named in the 'top 250 women in IP' globally (MIP) and won both 'Trade Mark Lawyer of the Year' and 'Copyright Lawyer of the Year' (Women in Business Law Europe Awards).



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I am an intellectual property lawyer advising clients from a range of IP-rich industries on copyright, trademark, and other IP related matters.

Both non-contentious work and dispute resolution are part of my practice. This leads to a thorough understanding of matters from start to finish. I regularly advise clients in the media and entertainment sector, on IP protection, infringement and regulatory topics, as well as contracting with IP. Copyright is of particular interest to me, both in terms of substance (what can be protected and what is infringing?) as well as copyright related platform regulation.

Since time is of the essence in many IP related cases, I find it vital to establish an effective relationship with clients right from the start. In my view, open communication and clear expectations lead to an effective and valuable client relationship.

Each case is different. In addition to handling national IP matters, we are more than well-equipped to handle matters which involve multiple jurisdictions. I collaborate with lawyers in our other offices around the world on a daily basis, offering our clients seamless cross-jurisdictional advice and a one-stop-shop approach.

Recently, we have seen the rise of generative AI challenge legal frameworks, such as current copyright legislation. The area of tension between, on the one hand, being able to instantly generate output and, on the other hand, protecting IP rights, is thought provoking. I enjoy working on such complex (and also more straightforward) legal IP issues.



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My practice focuses on general advice and disputes in the areas of copyright, trademarks, patents, databases, designs, trade names and trade secrets. I work with a variety of clients from start-ups in the tech industry, to larger companies and global corporate businesses.

In addition to my work as a lawyer, I am also active as an academic. With three years of experience researching and lecturing on national and international IP law at a Dutch university, I have published various articles and participated in expert panels on policy issues in order to contribute to the overall improvement of the legal IP framework.

I am very much interested in new technological developments and the interplay with IP rights. One of my recent publications involves a call upon the European legislator to introduce new IP rights for the protection of creations of artificial intelligence.

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I support clients on complex e-commerce projects, legal compliance within their business models, on litigation and proceedings before the data protection and consumer regulators, as well as with due diligence projects and development of IP management strategies.

I advise on online legal infringements, including high-profile cases of Internet platforms liability. I also regularly represent companies in criminal and civil proceedings regarding infringement of IP rights. I advise main players as well as start-ups.

I also regularly speak at conferences on issues surrounding e-commerce, IP and new technologies. I am recognised by legal directories as a leading expert in intellectual property law in Poland.



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My expertise includes offering guidance to online platforms and entrepreneurs in the online retail sector to ensure compliance with legal requirements, encompassing the implementation of the Copyright Directive and Omnibus Directive. I also advise on the launch of online platforms, stores, and mobile applications, as well as reviewing associated documentation and processes, such as user journeys and cancellation procedures.

I support clients in litigation regarding online legal infringements and the liability of Internet platforms for content uploaded by users.

As part of my broader practice, I support clients in effectively managing consumer complaints, including those related to product defects, and represent them before various regulators, such as the Polish Competition and Consumer Protection Office, and local consumer ombudsmen.

I have a strong interest in the legal aspects of the application of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and LegalTech.

Prior to joining Bird & Bird, I gained professional experience working for leading international law firms, as well as for the Polish Ministry of Digital Affairs, where I worked on the implementation of the GDPR in Poland.



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I specialise in contract law in the IT sector and in consumer law. I also advise entrepreneurs on the development of their businesses by assisting them in the process of negotiating and concluding franchise agreements.

I have been involved in many projects that involved the creation and implementation of bespoke IT solutions for businesses. I prepare legal opinions, draft and negotiate copyright agreements, develop policies for the use of open-source software within organisations, and provide training in the field of intellectual property.

I have carried out e-commerce projects, ventures involving the implementation of online platforms and shops, and business projects for the online offering of products. I assist clients with preparing and adapting the rules and regulations of their services to the ever-changing legal environment, making sure their business processes comply with the applicable regulations, and running loyalty programmes and promotional campaigns in line with the regulatory guidelines. I also support clients in resolving consumer disputes.

Before joining Bird & Bird, I provided comprehensive legal services to entrepreneurs and gained professional experience as an in-house lawyer in a group of IT companies with offices in Poland, the USA, the Philippines and Singapore offering technological solutions to clients from all over the world, including some listed in the Fortune500 ranking.



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My experience also includes assisting clients in handling consumer complaints and in proceedings with the participation of consumer ombudsmen.

Before joining Bird & Bird, I gained professional experience at a Warsaw law firm and in the complaints department of an international technology company.

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With 18 years' experience as IP counselor (Trademarks), certified with the Romanian Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM) and being a European Trademarks and Design Attorney (registered with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)), Ana has assisted both local and international clients in a wide range of IP matters, including issues related to trademarks and designs protection, complex copyrights issues, including dealing with the Romanian Copyright Office (ORDA) and collective managing copyrights institutions (UCMR-ADA, CREDIDAM, COPYRO, UPFR, DACIN-SARA, etc).

Ana's expertise also includes assisting clients in the advertising, media, PR & Communication sector, having significant experience in specific industry-related matters, including representing clients' interests in Court or before relevant institutions, such as the Romanian Advertising Council (RAC) the Audio-Visual National Council (CNA), etc.

Ana also has vast experience in the Life Sciences field, having assisted international and local clients active on the pharmaceutical, medical equipment and cosmetics market in various industry-related matters, including dealing with relevant authorities in this field: The National Audio Visual Council, National Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices and Ministry of Health.

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With over 12 years of experience as a lawyer, she has represented clients operating in various industries, covering the full array of IP related services, including advice on patentability, utility models, work inventions, trademark and branding strategies, as well as designs, copyright and domain names.

Elena has tackled data privacy related matters since 2015 and throughout the years has deepened her knowledge and experience, becoming a specialist in this legal area. She has assisted clients with GDPR data mapping audits, offering support in implementation of compliance measures, advice and representation services in data breach cases, as well holding specialised data privacy trainings for clients operating in various sectors. Elena has been highly involved in various legal tech endeavours and has even won the Special Focus award at the first Legal Global Hackathon where she and her team created a GDPR compliance platform.

Given her life-long passion for Technology inspired by her inventor father, her vast experience with IT service agreements, software development and licensing agreements, as well as her involvement in high profile tech and IP asset transactions, Elena has become one of Romania's go-to tech lawyers.

One of the more special focuses that need mentioning is the Gaming sector, where Elena has been highly active in the past couple of years, assisting game studios, as well as publishers, developing a close relationship with the Romanian Game Developers Association (RGDA) and speaking at various gaming events, including Dev.Play.

Elena is also specialised in Gambling, representing clients in front of the Romanian Gambling Office (ONJN) for obtaining and renewing gambling licences, as well as offering day-to-day regulatory advice to one of the largest Romanian gambling operators. She also regularly holds specialised gambling trainings offering clients a fresh, market-oriented approach to regulatory matters.

Advertising is one of Elena's specialities and she is constantly offering legal advice to various brands, PR agencies and well-known Romanian influencers. Her expertise includes revising both offline and digital campaign materials, revising and negotiating advertising and marketing agreements, offering insight on the technical specifics of social media marketing services, as well as SEO and PPC services, whilst carefully observing inherent data privacy implications.

Elena is highly involved in the development processes of several Legal Tech solutions aiming at ensuring clients' compliance with specific regulatory concerns, as well as platforms dedicated to legal professionals targeting the improvement of lawyers' productivity by eliminating unnecessary grunt work.

She has graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, is a member of the Bucharest Bar since 2011 and is an industrial property counsellor specialized in Trademarks and Geographical Indications (certified by the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks) and official representative of the European Office for Intellectual Property) with her specialization in Trademarks and Geographical Indications.

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My primary focus is IP/IT law, commercial law and regulatory affairs, including new areas of technology and fast growth tech issues. In addition, I use my experience of complex legal strategy to advise clients in the life sciences, healthcare, gambling, technology and other industries. I guide our clients in intellectual property litigations and protect their business interests.

I have advised clients who include international and local market-leading companies, as well as government and European institutions. My ambition is to provide the best and most suitable advice to our clients in a pragmatic, solution-driven and innovative manner.

Bird & Bird has been recognized by our clients as a great international team. Frequently, I provide advice in connection with multi-jurisdictional projects for companies with multinational operations, including M&A transactions and the implementation of global business strategies and risk management.

I also have extensive experience in dealing with the day-to-day commercial issues that companies face such as regulatory, contract management, outsourcing, process infrastructure, advertising, AML compliance, privacy, cybersecurity, product liability and employment related issues.

Before joining Bird & Bird in 2016, I worked for a reputable local Slovak law firm. Prior to that I had work experience from a prosecutor's office in Bratislava and a law firm in Birmingham, UK.



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I also have experience in compliance and regulatory topics, data protection and public procurement. Contract negotiation is one of my strongest legal skills.

My clients include leading international technology corporations, as well as local companies. I also enjoy providing legal support to start-ups bringing new technology to life, which is usually a challenge; however I like to face it and cope with it.

Before joining Bird & Bird, I worked for five years as a country Legal In-house Counsel for an international IT corporation. As a member of the country management team, I held overall responsibility for the legal agenda. My role included the preparation and negotiation of contractual terms for various contracts - service contracts, outsourcing, licensing, cloud computing matters, and other IT-related contracts. I worked extensively on international projects and the local implementation of global agreements and policies. I prepared T&Cs, contract templates and provided cross-departmental legal support. My responsibilities also encompassed employment law, corporate law, public procurement, data protection and compliance. This in-house experience helped me to see my clients' problems and issues through their eyes, and I learnt to take into account the impact on business and to provide business-oriented legal support.

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Simon actively cooperates with the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana, attends conferences in the field of commercial law (IBA European Corporate and Private M&A Conference, etc.) and also contributed to M&A guides.

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My work includes advising large companies and individuals on intellectual property matters and representing companies in negotiations (v. gr. conflicts with Copyright Collective Management Organizations; FRAND licenses; publishing, music and film contracts; etc.). Litigation is also an important part of my work since I have been involved in major intellectual property-related litigation cases before the Spanish Courts.

I am a service-minded Spanish IP lawyer, who really enjoys working in an international environment and helping my clients with their issues.

I have worked in our IP Litigation team in Spain since 2020. I usually publish legal studies and articles; both on websites and in prestigious national publications and I have won several regional and national legal awards for them.

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I represent clients in a large number of disputes and I regularly speak on various aspects of commercial law.

I advise on complex legal and strategic issues in assignments and procurements regarding strategic agreements, outsourcing deals and digitalisation projects.

I advise on data privacy and protection matters by providing companies with tools, in the form of both projects and internal training, so that they can ensure that the processing of personal and patient data is conducted in accordance with the GDPR.

I advise on IT-related disputes (including but not limited to assessments, risk analysis and other kinds of special assignments in various types of dispute-like situations).

I have worked for many years as an expert adviser, both as in-house counsel and for well-renowned law firms and prior to joining Bird & Bird I was the founding partner of a leading commercially-focused law firm.