

# The Chamber of Legal Consultants



**KazBar**

**“KAZAKHSTAN BAR ASSOCIATION”**

## **MAIN ACTIVITY**

**Over the period of KazBar's existence, a lot of work has been done to support the legal reforms, strengthening of citizens' trust to the judicial system, creating a positive image of the legal profession, legislative improvement, improving the legal education and in other areas for achievement of the main goals of the organization.**



## **KAZBAR UNITED THE KEY AND LEADING PART OF THE ACTORS IN THE LEGAL MARKET OF THE COUNTRY**

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Collegium of Commercial Lawyers of “Kazakhstan Bar Association” (hereinafter KazBar) was established.

Then, **the Chamber of Legal Consultants “Kazakhstan Bar Association”** (hereinafter “Chamber”) was established on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by transforming of the non-profit organization the Republic Public Association “Collegium of Commercial Lawyers of “Kazakhstan Bar Association” in accordance with the Law of RoK “On Advocacy and Legal Aid”.

Over the years, KazBar has become a strong organization of professional lawyers with about 500 members. KazBar includes lawyers from the most famous international and local law firms in Kazakhstan:

**International law firms: Dentons, White& Case, Aequitas, Grata, Centil, Kinstellar, Baker & McKenzie, Integrites.**

**National law firms: Olympex Advisers, Signum, Unicase, Synergy Partners, SG Global Advice, Zan Hub, TKS Disputes, Haller Lomax, Artyushenko&Partners, Fortune Partners.**

**Corporate lawyers of such companies as Siemens, Chevron, Samsung, Tengizchevroil, ERG, NCOC, Verny Capital etc.**

**In addition, members include lawyers from leading international and Kazakhstani audit consulting firms PwC, EY, KPMG, Deloitte and legal scholars from KIMEP and other universities.**

**KazBar is a structure that is able to provide the high quality of provision of the legal services at world standards.**

KazBar plays a fundamental role in enhancing the reputation of the legal profession, ensuring that practicing lawyers comply with the highest professional standards.

**One of the most important achievements of KazBar was the adoption of the professional Code of Ethics.** This Code is based on the best international experience of reputable legal unions and associations of leading countries of the world. The Code regulates in detail all ethical aspects of the activities of lawyers providing legal services in the economic sphere, including issues of conflict of interest, confidentiality, building client-lawyer relationships and others.

**KazBar members have the professional advantage of being able to ensure that their services comply with the Code of Ethics.** There is a mechanism that puts these standards into effect in accordance with the internal acts of the Chamber. The Disciplinary Commission (formerly the Ethics Commission) considers complaints against KazBar members and can apply sanctions up to and including expulsion from the Chamber, with this information reflected on the KazBar website and mandatory Notification of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan and other Chambers of Legal Consultants.



➤ **I. Cooperation with the RoK government authorities:**

- 1) Cooperation with the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- 2) Cooperation with the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- 3) Cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

➤ **II. Cooperation with the local reputed organizations:**

- 1) Cooperation with the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan “Atameken”
- 2) Collaboration with the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)
- 3) Samruk-Energo JSC
- 4) Collaboration with BestProfi

➤ **III. Cooperation with Universities**, such as KIMEP, Maksut Narikbayev University, Narkhoz University, Adilet Higher Law School, the Al-Farabi KazNU and D.A. Kunayev Academy.

➤ **IV. Сотрудничество с иностранными профессиональными организациями:**

- 1) Collaboration with the LAWASIA (non-predominant member)
- 2) Collaboration with the Law Society of England and Wales
- 3) Collaboration with the Bar Council of England and Wales
- 4) Collaboration with the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)
- 5) Collaboration with the International Bar Association (KazBar is also an IBA member)
- 6) Collaboration with the Chengdu Bar Association
- 7) Collaboration with the Beijing Lawyers Association



## THE STAGE OF REORGANIZATION INTO THE CHAMBER OF LEGAL CONSULTANTS “KAZAKHSTAN BAR ASSOCIATION”

In accordance with the RoK Law “On Advocacy and Legal Aid”, on **February 1, 2019 the Conference** (KazBar superior governing body) was convened, at which it was decided to reorganize the Republic Public Association “Collegium of Commercial Lawyers of “Kazakhstan Bar Association” into the **Chamber of Legal Consultants “Kazakhstan Bar Association”**.

**KazBar has completed the stage of reorganization** and from **June 28, 2019** was officially registered and commenced its activity as the Chamber of Legal Consultants “Kazakhstan Bar Association”, **prepared internal Rules and Standards of the Chamber which were drafted based on the international experience, setting up high standards of legal activity.**

**KazBar officially became a self-regulatory organizations**, based on mandatory membership, established for the purpose of regulation of the activity related to the provision of legal assistance and control over the activity of its members to the extent of compliance with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on advocacy an legal aid, the Rules and Standards of the Chamber, the Code of Professional Ethics.

## KAZBAR MAIN GOVERNING AND CONTROLLING BODIES:

**The General Meeting of the Chamber** – is a superior governing body having exclusive competence stipulated by the RoK Law “On Advocacy and Legal Aid” and the Chamber’s Charter. The General Meeting may adopt decisions on any other issues of the Chamber’s activity, including referred to the competence of the Chamber’s other bodies.

**The Management Board** – is a standing collective governing body of the Chamber exercising its authority to ensure the implementation of the goals and objectives of the Chamber in accordance with the Charter and the applicable legislation. The Management Board is established in the composition of at least seven (7) members. The members of the Management Board are elected by the decision of the General Meeting of the members of the Chamber for a term of three (3) years. The Chamber members elected into the composition of the Chamber may be reelected however not more than two consecutive times.

The Board is headed by the Chairman, elected by the collegial governing body itself. The work of the Board members is unpaid and is carried out on a voluntary basis. Decisions of the Management Board are adopted based on consensus by a simple majority vote of its members.

## KAZBAR MAIN GOVERNING AND CONTROLLING BODIES:

**Chairman of the Chamber** – is a senior executive officer and standing executive body of the Chamber. The Chairman of the Chamber is elected for a term of three years with the right to be reelected one time for the same term. He/she acts without Power of Attorney on behalf of the Chamber and represents its interests in relations with the government authorities, legal and physical entities and other organizations. The Chairman of the Chamber is responsible for the performance of the Chamber. The Chairman of the Chamber is a senior executive officer of the Chamber and is personally liable for its activity within the entire term, reports to the General Meeting of the Chamber and the Management Board. The Chairman of the Chamber may be only an individual elected of the members of the Chamber.

**The Controlling Governing Body (the Audit Commission, the Auditor) of the Chamber** – is formed in the composition not more than five (5) members to exercise control over financial and business activities of the Chamber. The Audit Commission is elected by the General Meeting of the members of the Chamber or appointed out of professional consultants/specialists, with whom a civil law or labor law agreement in the procedure stipulated by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The terms of references of the Audit Commission is three (3) years.



## OTHER BODIES OF THE CHAMBER:

**The Supervisory Board of the Chamber** – an advisory consulting body, participating in the working out strategic directions of development of the Chamber. The Supervisory Board is established in the composition of at least 17 members, it is formed and functions based on the Provision approved by the General Meeting. The members of the Supervisory Board are elected by the General Meeting of the Chamber upon recommendation of the Management Board. For the purpose of supporting relationships with the community, arranging cooperation with the educational and scientific institutions, international and other relevant organizations, individuals who are not the members of the Chamber can be elected members of the Supervisory Board as may be agreed.

**The Qualification Commission** – is established for the purposes to attest individuals seeking membership of the Chamber. The Commission carries out its activities in accordance with the Rules on the attesting procedure and conditions” approved by the General Meeting of the Chamber and endorsed by the authorized body, and also in accordance with the Provision on the Qualification Commission. The Provision on the Qualification Commission is developed in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Charter and other internal documents of the Chamber. The main objective of the Commission is to assess the level of professional knowledge, qualification, intellectual development and business reputation seeking membership of the Chamber.

## OTHER BODIES OF THE CHAMBER:

**The Commission for Control of the Activity of the Members of the Chamber** – is a specialized body of the Chamber, reporting to the Management Board of the Chamber and the General Meeting of the Chamber, which impose on the members of the Chamber sanctions for violations committed by them as stipulated by the internal acts of the Chamber for incompliance by the members of the Chamber with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, standards of provision of legal aid, legal aid quality criteria, the Code of Professional Ethics and the Ruled of Professional Behavior of the Chamber.

**The Disciplinary Commission of the Chamber** – is a specialized body of the Chamber, reporting to the Management Board of the Chamber and the General Meeting of the Chamber, which impose on the members of the Chamber sanctions for disciplinary violations committed by them as stipulated by the Provision on the system of measures of disciplinary sanctions for incompliance by the members of the Chamber with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, standards of provision of legal aid, legal aid quality criteria, the Code of Professional Ethics and the Ruled of Professional Behavior of the Chamber of the Legal Consultants “Kazakhstan Bar Association”.

## KAZBAR WORKING COMMITTEES:

1. **Court and Arbitration Committee**
2. **Women in law Committee**
3. **Legal Education Committee**
4. **Compliance Committee**
5. **Pharmaceuticals and Medicine Committee**
6. **Animal law Committee**
7. **Pro bono Committee**
8. **Legislation Committee**
9. **Antimonopoly Law Committee**
10. **Taxes and Taxation Committee**



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## CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER



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Chairman of the Chamber

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## SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER



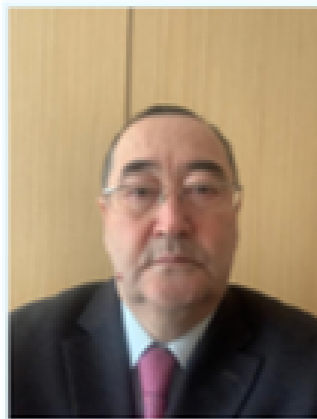
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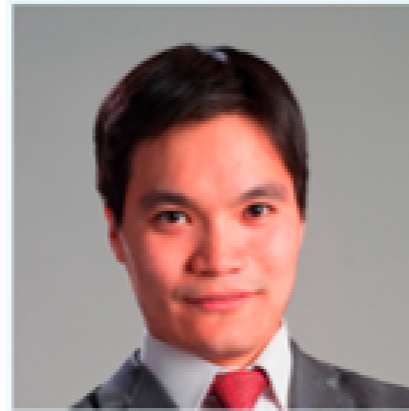


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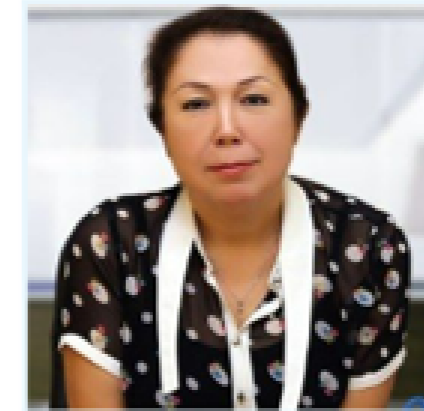
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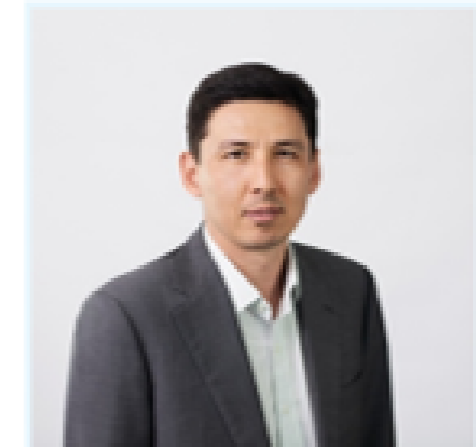
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## **BASIC VALUES OF THE CHAMBER OF LEGAL CONSULTANTS “KAZAKHSTAN BAR ASSOCIATION”**

### **Collegiality and democratic principles of management –**

All important issues of the organization’s activities are resolved collectively. For these purposes, the organization is managed by a collegial management body. Previously it was the Governing Council, now it is the Management Board. The collegial body seeks to resolve all issues by reaching consensus. Work in a collegial body is unpaid. The collegial governing body and the Chairman of the Chamber are elected by direct open voting

### **Inclusiveness –**

KazBar strives to provide each of its members with the opportunity to participate in the work of its governing bodies, committees on industries and individual issues, and receive a full package of information

### **Transparency –**

All activities of the organization must be open. All non-confidential information must be published on the organization's website. Each KazBar member has the right to receive information about the activities of the organization, including financial information

## **BASIC VALUES OF THE CHAMBER OF LEGAL CONSULTANTS “KAZAKHSTAN BAR ASSOCIATION”**

### **Cooperation –**

KazBar members actively cooperate in all available forms to achieve the goals of the organization and solve its problems

### **Change of management –**

Over the 10 years of KazBar’s activity, three Chairmen have been replaced. The composition of the governing bodies was also constantly changing and being replenished. The turnover of leadership in the Chamber is established by law

### **Representativeness –**

All bodies of the Chamber consist of representatives of a wide spectrum of the legal market: law firms, corporate and private practicing lawyers, scholars. This principle must also be observed in elections to all bodies of the Chamber

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«KAZAKHSTAN LAW REVIEW»**

On October 1, 2022, the digital magazine “Kazakhstan Law Review” was created - [www.kazlawreview.kz](http://www.kazlawreview.kz) . All of us understand the important purpose of the project - as it matures, it will play an increasingly important role in strengthening legal Kazakhstan

A little time will pass and “Kazakhstan Law Review” will become a fully fledged member of a large legal family. It will help us, participants in this market, solve important system-forming issues to improve the legal environment of Kazakhstan, increase the legal literacy of the population, and protect the legitimate interests of the corporate sector

We hope that through the joint efforts of the authors and the editors of “Kazakhstan Law Review” we will make the legal environment of Kazakhstan transparent and fair. Through constructive dialogue that respects differing opinions, we will develop the best legal practices that will lead our society to prosperity.