



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Legal, Regulatory And IPR Committee

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Mission

The Committee acts in line with the Albanian American Chamber of Commerce mission and objectives and by contribution of its members advances the Chamber's priorities. The Legal and Regulatory Committee reviews the developments in the main legal fields relevant for the US – related business activities in Albania and aims at improving national business climate through legal and policy suggestions. The Committee work is focused but not limited to the improvement of strategic investor and foreign direct investment climate, procurement, anti-corruption, competition, corporate and commercial legislation and business practice in Albania.

Through its work and active participation in meetings, forums and events, the Committee contributes to efficient, transparent and consistent implementation of laws and regulations that impact doing business across key sectors and industries of the Albania economy and rule of law. By doing so, it is a pillar of support for the Chamber's members.

The Committee is proactive in keeping an open channel of discussion with the Government (Council of Ministers and ministries of line) and relevant institutions for ensuring consistent interpretation and implementation of the company law framework. The Committee supports and promotes legal development and amendments that create value for the market, competitive advantage for companies and impact social and economic development.

Focus Area

Further contribution to the rule of law – strengthening the rule of law in the country

- Work on transparency and predictability of the legislative process
- Work on effective justice and efficiency of judiciary as solid ground for domestic and foreign investors
- Contribution to anti-corruption strategy

Contribution to improvement of business environment

- Better understanding and improvement of competition procedures
- Insight into alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (commercial and investment arbitration) and further exploration of the mechanisms
- Monitoring the implementation of law “On personal data protection”
- View of cyber security practice and identification of legal & policy suggestion for private and public sector.
- Promoting the value of Value of IP for investment, research and innovation, creativity and growth

EU Perspective

- Introduction of the upcoming digital regulatory package – EU Digital Decade
- Work on relevant areas for which domestic laws will be aligned with the EU *acquis Communautaire*

Operations

Cooperation with representative of public authorities to check on current status of previous recommendations of Investment Agenda.

Enhancing further cooperation with Chambers in the region and particularly the legal committees in aligning priorities if possible

Building a working group (also from different committees) able to prepare and put forward positions papers for key economic sectors.

Contribution in Empower Her initiative

8 Activities

3 Information and training session on different topics

5 Lobbying and advocacy activities with government

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Advocacy and lobbying activities with Government

For better quality of life and a better business environment in Albania

- Business Forum with Information and Data Protection Commissioner
- Working Luncheon or Meeting for the IP Day in April
- Digital Company and what should they know about IP and copyright requirement
- Lobbying for improving on legislation with EU practice aiming determination of clear rules and improvement of overall business environmental – Meeting with ministry of Foreign Affairs and EU – the implementation of PKIE
- Lobbying for the improvement of public consultation procedure
- Meeting with Minister of State for Standards to address the obstacles faced by the government in relation to doing business

➤ Training and Networking Events

To engage with current affairs, connect know-how, and exchange good business practices. At the same time, AmCham events are an excellent opportunity for networking at the highest level

- Information Session on Competition Law
- Short training session on new laws approved during the year which are in interest for our members
- Empower Her initiative – Kick off networking event with the ladies of AmCham Committees and Board of Directors. What are the obstacles that should be addressed to the government