

## SOPHIA A. STRONGYLIS

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### EDUCATION

- 2001-2002: **Fordham University School of Law**, New York, New York  
Master of Laws Degree ("LL.M.") in Banking, Corporate and Finance Law, May 2002.
- 1998-2000: Greek Mandatory Law Training. **Member of the Athens Bar Association.**
- 1993-1998: **University of Bremen, School of Law**, Bremen, Germany  
First State Examination (equivalent to J.D.).
- 1987-1993: **High School "German School of Athens,"** Athens, Greece  
German and Greek high school diplomas (bilingual school).

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Jun 2008 – Present:**

- **PL Shipping Co./ PL Group of Companies**, Kifissia, Greece

In-house Legal Advisor, Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary of a Group of Companies with main activities in dry bulk shipping, commercial real estate investments (UK & Greece), renewable energy and investment services.

Legal Advisor to the family office of owners of PL Group.

Vice-Chairwoman of the BoD of EPIC AEPEY.

Legal advisor to both the majority investors and the operation team for the establishment and operation of Errante Forex group of companies (jurisdictions Cyprus and Seychelles).

Highlights of experience:

- I. Handling and negotiating shipping S&P and shipping finance and refinancing documentation
- II. Handling and negotiating commercial real estate projects, including purchase and sale contracts, supervision and coordination of all stakeholders involved such as contracting parties, local agents, contractors and financial advisors.
- III. Monitoring regulatory framework, advising and ensuring compliance of the Group companies in multiple jurisdictions.
- IV. Corporate Law support to all the Group companies both operating companies and holding SPVs in several countries.

- **The Law Firm**, Athens, Greece

External counsel of The Law Firm in the areas of corporate law, corporate restructuring and securities law.

#### **Nov 2003 - Jun 2008:**

**Dryllerakis & Associates Law Offices**, Athens, Greece (senior associate)

Main areas of experience: M&As, Capital Markets and Securities Law, Corporate and Investment Law.

Long experience in drafting and negotiating legal documents and providing legal advice regarding stock-exchange, securities, and investment law issues on behalf of listed companies and investment services firms. Participating in legal actions and consulted clients regarding capital market legislation and listed companies' reporting obligations as well as representing them *vis-a-vis* the HCMC. Performed legal DD and participated in listings in the Athens Stock Exchange and company acquisitions both of listed and non-listed companies. Participated in listed and non-listed companies' BOD and GM meetings and representing both minority and majority shareholders during company take overs, corporate restructurings and internal buy-outs and drafted the minutes thereof. Prepared various commercial contracts, consulted and filed legal actions throughout the procurement bid process, drafted and filed commercial trademarks.

#### **Oct 2002 - Oct 2003:**

**Tsibanoulis & Associates Law Office**, Athens, Greece.

Drafted and negotiated legal documents regarding stock-exchange, securities, and investment law issues on behalf of investment services firms.

Participation in the drafting and presentation of the Cypriot Securities and Stock-Exchange Laws and Regulations in co-operation with the Cypriot Government, the Stock-Exchange, Capital Market Committee, and the Ministry of Finance.

**Aug 2000 - Jul 2001:**

**Tolios & Swiddessen Law Office**, Athens, Greece

Drafted BoD and shareholder GM minutes, drafted various memoranda for Greek, German and American clients, drafted preliminary and final pleadings in civil proceedings, drafted closing documents for civil and commercial transactions and participated in court trials.

**Aug 1998 – Feb 2000:**

**Dryllerakis & Associates Law Office**, Athens, Greece.

Mandatory Trainee Program for Greek lawyers with firm having broad-based corporate, commercial, tax, securities, and administrative practice.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

- German and Greek (both native); English (fluent); French (good); Italian (basic knowledge)