

**Andrejs Guļajevs** Partner

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Andrejs is highly regarded and a well-known litigator of repute among legal professionals as well as our clients.

He has considerable experience in litigating both – civil and administrative disputes in all court instances, including the Supreme Court of Latvia, as well as pre-litigation dispute resolution and arbitration procedures. Andrejs' practice also involves handling matters before the Court of Justice of European Union.

He has successfully handled the most sophisticated and complex court cases and has assisted clients in resolving a wide range of most complex legal problems often requiring an innovative approach. Andrejs' success has been noted – Legal 500 EMEA 2010th annual edition he is singled out as a talented litigator.

Besides dispute resolution, Andrejs is an expert in Real estate and Construction, Banking and Finances, Commercial law as well as Labour law issues. He also acts as a member of M&A team and participates in handling legal due diligence.

Andrejs' recent track record includes representing and advising clients in the areas of criminal and criminal procedure law, especially on matters pertaining to financial and economic crime.

### **INDUSTRIES**

Agriculture Retail and Consumer Financial services Leisure and Entertainment Real estate and Construction

## **EDUCATION**

LL.B (Baltic International Academy, Faculty of Law)

### CAREER

Before joining SKDZ in 2004 Andrejs was an in-house lawyer for one of the largest commercial banks in Latvia.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Latvian Bar Association

## LANGUAGES

Latvian, English, Russian

## **CASES AND DEALS**

### 2024

• More than three years after the initiation of civil proceedings, the appellate court's judgement, favorable to the client, has come into force.

## 2023

• Successfully defended a client in an AML case regarding money laundering and confiscation of funds in the amount of 1 million euros

### 2021

- We successfully represented a client in civil case regarding exercise of rights of first refusal and pre-emption
- Significant judgment of the appellate court in the claim of AS "Parex banka" against its former board members
- Represented a client and reached a settlement in a corporate dispute

## 2020

• AS "PNB Banka" Insolvency Proceedings

- SIA "DLV" and SIA "Bliks" merger finalized
- The DLV dispute has come to an end

#### 2018

- Assisting in criminal proceedings concerning large-scale embezzlement
- Skrastiņš & Dzenis successfully represented "Mile Auto" interests
- Founders of DLV regain full control over their company
- Skrastiņš & Dzenis has successfully represented SIA Celu. tiltu būvnieks in damages case against Saldus district municipality
- Skrastiņš & Dzenis represented the client in a damages case arising from breach of Latvian Competition law
- Skrastiņš & Dzenis has successfully represented travel agency "Kolumbs" and its majority shareholder in a shareholders' dispute

• Skrastiņš & Dzenis has successfully represented a client in administrative court in a dispute over a permit for B category's polluting activities

## 2017

- Skrastiņš & Dzenis has represented AS Latvijas gāze in a damages case against Financial Capital and Market Commission
- Skrastinš & Dzenis has successfully represented a client in a dispute against AS "Rīgas Siltums"
- Successfully represented former owners of Parex Banka

## 2016

- Skrastiņš & Dzenis has advised Riga City Council in a complicated damages case
- Skrastinš & Dzenis has successfully represented SIA VJN Kapitāls in a shareholders' dispute
- Skrastinš & Dzenis attorneys have successfully represented the client in a challenging case against State Revenue Service

# 2015

• Skrastiņš & Dzenis has represented BAB FlyLAL – Lithuanian Airlines in a case of recognition and enforcement of a judgement made by a Lithuanian court.

- Skrastiņš & Dzenis assisted an investor in a damages dispute with the seller of AS Liepājas metalurgs
- Skrastinš & Dzenis has successfully represented SIA First Baltic Property Riga in an investment dispute against two Latvian banks

#### 2014

- Skrastinš & Dzenis has successfully represented a client in a dispute against Latvian Competition Council
- Court of Justice of the European Union delivers judgement in Flylal-Lithuanian Airlines AS v Riga International Airport and Air Baltic Corporation AS case
- Yet another little Samsung case related victory
- Skrastinš & Dzenis has successfully represented a client in a case against the Latvian Competition Council
- Case in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia
- Flylal vs Air Baltic: Skrastins and Dzenis has represented the client in the EU ECJ

#### 2013

- Skrastinš & Dzenis represents the former shareholders of the Parex banka in a damages case
- Flylal vs Air Baltic: waiting for preliminary ruling to ECJ
- Case of a claim for damages

#### **NEWS**

## 2021

- Significant judgement opens a turning point in the Latvian case law regarding termination of statute of limitations
- We successfully represented a client in civil case regarding exercise of rights of first refusal and pre-emption

### 2020

• AS "PNB Banka" Insolvency Proceedings

## UNCATEGORIZED

## 2025

• Successful Defense in a Case Involving Criminally Obtained Assets