

## Queritius Promotes to Strengthen Leadership Team

[City], [Date] – Queritius, a market-leading international dispute resolution law firm based in Central and Eastern Europe, proudly announces the promotion of three lawyers.

- **Alicja Zielińska-Eisen** – promoted to Partner
- **Petra Pataki** – promoted to Partner
- **Joanna Iwanicka** – promoted to Counsel

*“We are absolutely thrilled to greet Alicja and Petra as partners and Joanna as counsel. They are fabulous lawyers with a proven track record of wins and enormous business potential. Their promotion marks an important milestone in Queritius’ growth.”* –

**Wojciech Sadowski and Dániel Dózsa, Partners**

This milestone reflects the firm’s steady growth, deepening bench of talent, and commitment to providing top-tier arbitration and dispute resolution services across the region and beyond. With these promotions, Queritius’ count of partners has grown to six, further reinforcing the firm’s international footprint and cross-border capabilities.

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### Promoted Lawyers

**Alicja Zielińska-Eisen** – drawing on more than 15 years’ hands-on experience in complex disputes, her current practice focuses on commercial matters, particularly transactional, M&A-related, and infrastructure disputes, as well as private international law. She acts as counsel before Polish courts, including the Supreme Court, and works closely with businesses to anticipate, manage, and resolve disputes – from early crisis management and preventing escalation where possible, through negotiation, mediation, and arbitration, to enforcement. She also regularly serves as arbitrator under the ICC, DIS, SCC, SA KIG, and Lewiatan Rules, in cases seated in Poland, Germany, and Sweden.

Alicja combines her practice with an academic career, having served as Academic Coordinator of the International Dispute Resolution LL.M. at Humboldt University of Berlin, and continues to teach advanced courses. She is co-editor and author of the newly released *International Arbitration in Practice* (Wolters Kluwer, 2025). Alicja is recognised as the only Poland-based lawyer in Lexology’s Global Elite Thought Leader 2025 arbitration ranking.

*“Excited to step into my new role as Partner! I look forward to continuing to help clients prevent and manage disputes, and I’m especially proud to share this promotion with amazing colleagues - brilliant, committed lawyers and fellow full-time mums.”* –

**Alicja Zielińska-Eisen**

**Petra Pataki** – has more than 15 years of experience in international and domestic dispute resolution, with particular expertise in complex commercial, regulatory, and labour law matters. She leads the Hungarian litigation practice, where clients rely on her as a trusted partner throughout the entire process, from clear case assessment and strategy development to the effective use of procedural tools and the development of strong substantive arguments before all levels of court, including the Curia. Petra is also a seasoned oral advocate, known for her persuasive courtroom presence and strategic pleadings.

In addition to her litigation practice, Petra regularly represents clients in arbitration proceedings, including cases before the ICC, VIAC, and MKIK, as well as in ad hoc arbitrations under the UNCITRAL rules. She is valued not only for her legal acumen but also for her personal dedication - clients appreciate her commitment, responsiveness, and ability to guide them confidently through complex disputes.

Beyond her legal work, Petra holds an LL.M. in Psychology and Law and is pursuing further studies in behavioural science. She is a member of the European Association of Psychology and Law and contributes actively to the arbitration community through speaking engagements, workshops, and her long-standing role as an arbitrator at the Willem C. Vis Moot.

*"Deeply proud to step into my new role as Partner at Queritius. I look forward to continuing to guide clients through their toughest disputes while further building our presence across CEE. The strength of Queritius lies in our team and our dedication to clients, and I'm especially happy to take this step alongside Alicja and to celebrate Joanna on her promotion to Counsel."* – **Petra Pataki**.

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**Joanna Iwanicka** – has over 10 years of practical and theoretical experience in providing legal services to business entities in domestic and international disputes, including those resolved through arbitration and mediation. She is a dual-qualified Attorney-at-Law licensed to practice law in the State of New York and in Poland. Joanna holds an LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law from Fordham University in New York and has completed specialized arbitration training at Harvard Law School.

Joanna's solid professional credentials have strongly contributed to her comprehensive expertise in business considerations of cases she handles, her ability to propose innovative solutions to the clients, and her great understanding of the requirements and standards of cross-border dispute resolution mechanisms.

In 2024, Joanna became the only European recipient of the American Arbitration Association's Higginbotham Fellows Program, dedicated to future arbitrators and mediators. Joanna chairs the American and British Law Section of the Warsaw Bar Association and is an active member of the New York State Bar Association International

Section. She has represented NYSBA as an observer at UNCITRAL's Dispute Resolution Working Group III in New York and co-organized a landmark cooperation memorandum between NYSBA and the Warsaw legal community.

*“Stepping up to Counsel at Queritius is more than a new title—it’s an opportunity to serve clients and colleagues with deeper expertise, unwavering teamwork, and bold strategic vision.” – Joanna Iwanicka*

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## About Queritius

Founded in March 2020, Queritius has quickly established itself as a market-leading dispute resolution firm with a strong international reach. From its offices in Warsaw, Budapest, Kyiv, and Zagreb, and with lawyers also based in Berlin, Vienna, Belgrade, Rome, and Athens, the firm advises clients in high-profile arbitrations and sensitive disputes across multiple jurisdictions.

The Queritius team is widely recognized for its arbitration expertise, consistently ranked in GAR 100, Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, and Lexology (Who's Who Legal). Its lawyers act both as counsel and arbitrators in complex commercial and investment treaty disputes.

Over the past five years, Queritius has grown from three founding lawyers to a multinational team of 22 experts. With its agile, cross-office model, the firm is increasingly called upon for bet-the-company arbitrations, cross-border litigation, and the most sensitive disputes across the CEE region and globally.

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