

Yoanna Stefanova

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OVERVIEW

Yoanna Stefanova is an Mergers and Acquisitions partner in the Corporate practice. Yoanna focuses on private equity and cross-border M&A transactions. She advises asset managers and private equity firms on the set-up and implementation of various structures as well as on the transactional aspects of investments and divestments, including in relation to financing, restructuring, refinancing, management incentives, shareholders' agreements, corporate governance, and pre-insolvency matters.

Yoanna holds a master degree in private international law from the University Robert Schuman in Strasbourg and completed the *Cours complémentaires en droit luxembourgeois* (CCDL) in 2002. She was admitted to the Luxembourg Bar in 2002.

She regularly publishes on selected legal topics. She contributed to a compendium released by Wolters Kluwer to mark the 100th anniversary of the Luxembourg Companies Act. Yoanna is a member of the editorial committee of ACE magazine, a monthly Luxembourg periodical on business, tax and accounting law.

Yoanna is recognized by the Legal 500 2021 as *"a key practitioner [who] combines both investment fund structuring expertise with M&A prowess."*

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Yoanna started her career at a Magic Circle Firm in Luxembourg where she exercised for more than 10 years. Prior to joining the firm, Yoanna was a partner for almost 10 years in the corporate department of a boutique Luxembourg law firm and then in the corporate and investment funds departments of a Benelux law firm.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognised by *The Legal 500 EMEA* as a Recommended Lawyer for Banking, Finance and Capital Markets in Luxembourg, 2026
- Recommended by *Décideurs* Leaders League for Luxembourg in 2024 and 2025 in the following categories:
  - Corporate/M&A

- Private Equity

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Legal Advice to Clients on New Technologies including AI,” Balkan Legal Forum, 6 June 2024

EDUCATION

- DEA (Diploma of Advanced Studies), University of Strasbourg, 1999
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• ADMISSIONS

- Luxembourg Bar

• LANGUAGES

- Bulgarian
- English
- French

• THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 6 February 2025, Implementation of the Mobility Directive: Significant Changes for Mergers, Divisions and Conversions With the Introduction of a New Dual Regime
- December 2022, December 2022 Accolades - Part 1

• NEWS & EVENTS

- 28 January 2025, K&L Gates Advises Universal Stainless and Alloy Products in its Acquisition by Aperam
- 8 April 2024, K&L Gates Advises Gyrus Capital on Sale of Intellera Consulting to Accenture
- 18 January 2022, K&L Gates Strengthens Corporate/M&A Practice With Luxembourg Partner Addition

• AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Set-up of hotel real estate fund with initial subscriptions of €52 million; core fund documentation drafted in German