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Practice Areas

[Corporate Law](#)
[Contract Law](#)
[Dispute Resolution](#)
[M&A](#)

Languages Spoken

English, Kazakh,
Russian

**Professional
Qualifications**

Lawyer, Kazakhstan

Mr. Alikhan specializes in corporate and contract law, dispute resolution, and M&A.

Mr. Alikhan has experience in resolving disputes in state courts and the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) court, related to the revocation of mining licenses, unilateral termination of mining contracts, challenging accident investigation reports, disputing labor inspection reports, and claiming damages and penalties under various commercial agreements.

In the areas of corporate and contract law and M&A, he has provided consulting services on business registration, operation, and liquidation in Kazakhstan, as well as the development and review of various agreements for compliance with the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, including legal due diligence of target companies across various sectors of the economy.

Memberships

IUSTUS Bar Association, Rights of Audience for the AIFC Court, SIPAC

Experience

10.2024 – present	AEQUITAS Law Firm LLP, Associate
01.2024 – 09.2024	Ernst & Young Kazakhstan LLP, Senior Legal Consultant
06.2022 – 12.2024	Tukulov & Kassilgov Litigation LLP, Junior Associate
08.2021 – 01.2022	Roedl & Partners LLP, Assistant Lawyer

Education

09.2024 – present	Higher School of Law "Adilet" of Caspian University, LLM, Kazakhstan
09.2017 – 07.2021	Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages, LLB, Kazakhstan

Representative Projects

Corporate Law

- Advising companies on issues related to the registration, re-registration, and liquidation of companies with foreign participation, as well as branches and representative offices of foreign companies.
- Preparation of founding documents and internal regulations governing the activities of companies.
- Advising foreign clients on corporate matters of Kazakhstani subsidiaries.

Contract Law

- Drafting civil law contracts of various types, including sales agreements, contracts for work and services, supply agreements, loan agreements, service agreements, and lease agreements.
- Reviewing contracts for compliance with the laws of Kazakhstan and for protecting the clients' interests.

Dispute Resolution

- Participation in pre-trial and judicial settlement of various disputes.
- Representation of a subsoil user in a dispute over the unilateral termination of a subsoil use contract involving an amount exceeding USD 200 million.
- Representation of the management of a major mining company in challenging the results of an accident investigation report.
- Representation of a large plant in a dispute against a labor inspection.
- Representation of a holding company in a dispute worth USD 5 million.
- Representation of a subsoil user in a dispute regarding the revocation of a subsoil use license.

M&A

- Conducting legal due diligence on Kazakhstani companies from various sectors of the economy, particularly the mining, manufacturing, and financial sectors.

Other

- Preparation of a memorandum on the construction and operation of a cement plant.

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