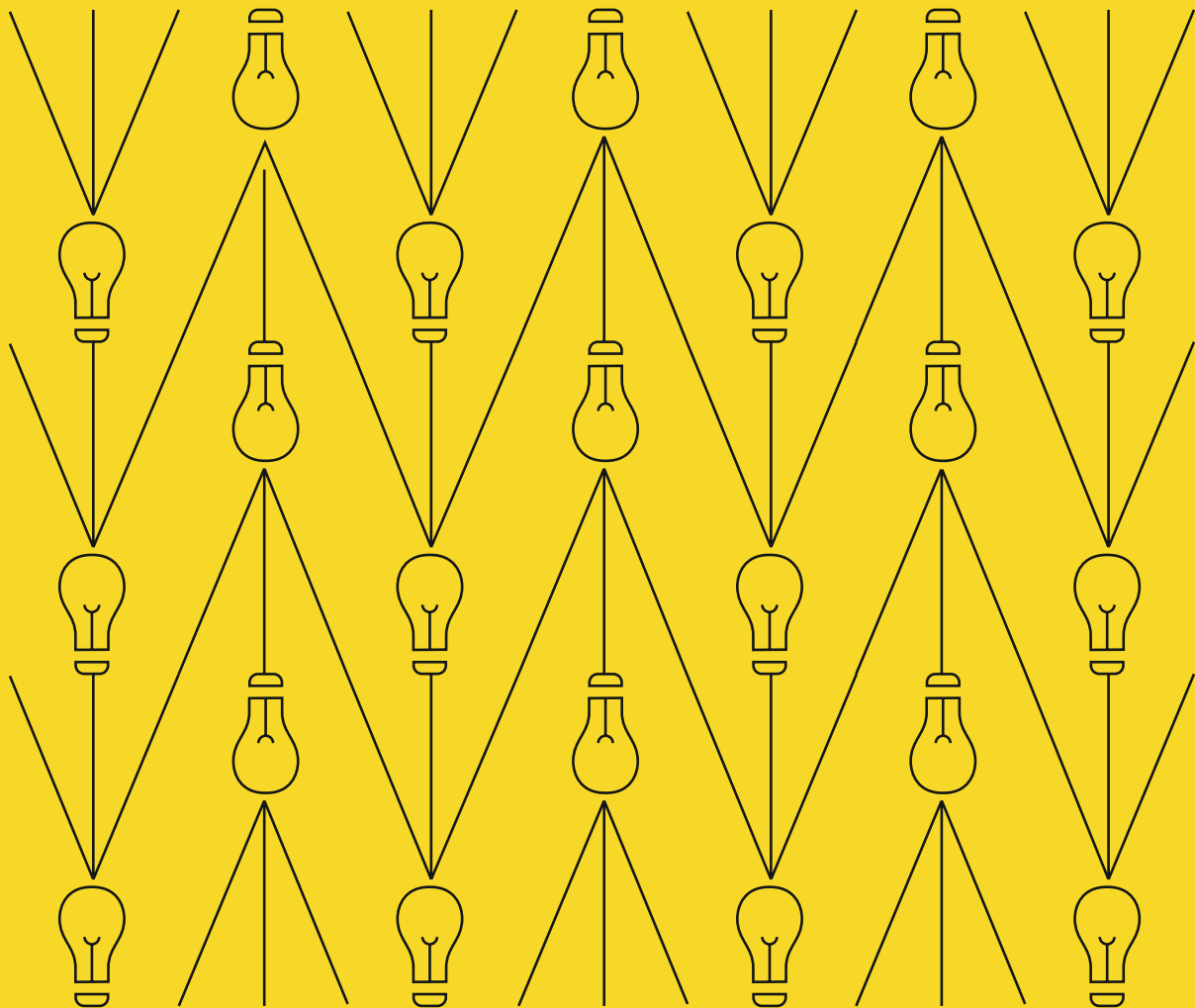




AQUITAS

INTELLECTUAL
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services in the sphere of intellectual property

The team advises clients on the issues of protection of trademarks, patents, copyrights, software, domain names, know how, and other intellectual property items, data exclusivity, and supports disputes, licensing and franchising projects, transactions involving transfer of technologies and licensing rights, and protection of right holders.

AEQUITAS combines profound legal expertise and support by highly qualified and experienced patent attorneys on special-purpose issues allowing our clients to get comprehensive solutions in registration and expert issues.

services

Registration of trademarks, inventions, utility models, industrial samples and works of authorship

Support of transactions involving transfer of technologies and implementation of software

Advice on the issues of intellectual property commercialization and payment of royalties

Inclusion of intellectual property items in the customs register (CRIPI)

Protection of right holders from illegal use of intellectual property rights

Registration of contracts of assignment of exclusive (property) rights and licensing agreements

Handling of disputes relating to counterfeit products and parallel import

Expert opinions

Conducting searches and drafting of legal opinions

International registration of intellectual property items in Kazakhstan and CIS / EAEU countries

Advice on the issues of protection of digital assets, software and IT solutions

Drafting and support of licensing, franchise agreements and rights assignment agreements

Data exclusivity and international treaties of Kazakhstan

Support of procedures for challenging rejections and protection of rights before the appellate board and courts

Due diligence of rights to intellectual property items, including in the course of M&A and investment transactions, alienation of rights, and in other cases

Drafting of operating instructions, data processing policies, support of the process of preparation and operation of websites and mobile applications

Many other issues of interest to our clients

most representative projects

The practice ensures support of registration and protection of trademarks of international brands, advice on the issues of protection of software and digital platforms, support of franchising and licensing projects, due diligence of intellectual property items, and representation of clients in disputes in connection with violation of rights to intellectual property items.

AEQUITAS lawyers are experienced in support of projects in the sphere of intellectual property for the clients from different economy sectors, including FMCG, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, electronic commerce, oil and gas sector, and production.

Advising and representation of interests of the largest international oil and gas company in connection with sale of counterfeit products in the territory of Kazakhstan, including controlled purchase operations, supply chain analysis, and interaction with law-enforcement authorities.

Representation of interests in a dispute involving illegal use of a trademark on a website and in advertising of a local company with successful dispute settlement under the pretrial procedure.

Successful representation of interests of a foreign right holder in a dispute over early termination of legal protection of a trademark due to failure to use, including judicial revocation of a resolution of the authorized agency.

For more than two years, AEQUITAS has been supporting a judicial dispute in the interests of a foreign right holder in a case involving illegal use of a similar designation in a domain name, advertising and on products packaging, which ended with cancellation of registration of the domain name and prohibition to use such similar designation.

Representation of an international pharmaceutical company in courts of all instances on the issues of patent protection of medicines and registration of pharmaceutical products in Kazakhstan.



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Advising one of the largest pharmaceutical companies of Kazakhstan on the issues of execution and transfer of exclusive rights to software, including analysis of the right transfer mechanisms and judicial practice on work made for hire.

Advising international pharmaceutical companies on the issues of protection of patent rights to original medicines, including support of disputes in connection with registration and circulation of generics, as well as evaluation of prospects of judicial protection of right holder's interests.

Comprehensive legal support of restructuring of activities of an international pharmaceutical group in Kazakhstan, including the issues of intellectual property, advertising, contractual work, personal data protection, antitrust regulation, and patent protection.

Drafting of a contract with a contractor for the purpose of creating audiovisual work and phonogram with transfer of exclusive rights to a customer.

Advising international pharmaceutical companies on regulation of exclusivity and protection of clinical trial data in Kazakhstan, including analysis of judicial practice.

Drafting of a sublicense agreement on the use of a warehouse management system for a major infrastructure PPP project involving construction of a warehouse complex.

Advising and representation of interests of an international pharmaceutical company (holding a patent and manufacturing original medicines) before the Kazakhstan governmental pharmaceutical authorities in connection with contemplated sale of a generic medicine in violation of intellectual property rights of our client. AEQUITAS lawyers rendered assistance to the client in preparation of evidence and drafting of a claim, submission of which resulted in successful establishment of a prohibition against the sale of generic.

Drafting of a licensing agreement on provision of a non-exclusive right (simple non-exclusive license) to use the materials (published articles, essays, reports, books, other printed media, manuscripts or other materials) in the form of production and distribution or reprinted materials, and other use.

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Verification of a Master IT Procurement Agreement of a major international publishing and scientific and information group governed by the laws of Germany as to compliance with imperative requirements of the Kazakhstan legislation.

Due diligence of rights to intellectual property items (computer programs).

Advising a supplier of technologies for the mining industry on the issues of protection of know-how in Kazakhstan.

Report at the 16th International Eurasian Pharmaceutical Forum dedicated to "Transfer of technologies: Recommendations on structuring of strategic partnership to ensure balance between the interests of foreign and local manufacturers".

Drafting of contracts for the provision of design and adaptation services; development and maintenance of software; services involving installation, technical support and support of hardware and software units processing information using the customer's hardware; on placement of advertising and information materials on websites; on production of printed products; franchise agreements, licensing agreements, and other agreements in relation to intellectual property items.

Drafting of a model trilateral agreement for the Trade Promotion Service Providers program aimed at provision of support to export initiatives of small and medium businesses in Central Asia, including development of a brand, packaging design, marketing strategy, and products promotion concept.

Advising an international digital platform operator on intellectual property matters concerning rights in musical works, including broadcasting and video-on-demand services, parallel and pure direct injection, collective management organisations in Kazakhstan, and relevant court practice.

membership



ratings

“Exceptional research and practical background, extremely experienced team. The questions raised were covered in full, the consultants even went outside the scope and the direct questions and considered it as a complex matter, which allowed us to have a more complete opinion”.

The Legal 500 2026

“AEQUITAS provides rigorous and professional advice in a short time”.

Chambers 2026

“AEQUITAS demonstrates a keen understanding of business needs and an ability to provide pragmatic legal advice aligned with commercial objectives”.

Chambers 2025

“They are very commercial, have hands-on transactional experience, provide great client service and are generally very pleasant to deal with. The quality of advice is consistent and of very high standard – timely, accurate and commercial”.

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