


# Not another brick in the law.

CRIMINAL, CYBERCRIME, BUSINESS & CIVIL LAW

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# Criminal law & technology.
# Business & civil law.

ZIC Legal is a law firm based in Cluj-Napoca, practising nationwide, including Bucharest. On one side, criminal law, cybercrime, technology law and cybersecurity. On the other, civil, commercial and business law: litigation, corporate advisory, contracts, mergers and acquisitions, administrative law, public procurement and data protection.

### CRIMINAL LAW & TECHNOLOGY

- Cybercrime
- White-collar crime
- Extradition & EAW
- Tech law
- Cybersecurity
- MiCA compliance

### BUSINESS & CIVIL LAW

- Business law
- Start-ups
- M&A
- Public procurement
- Medical malpractice
- Class actions

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Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**COVERAGE**

Nationwide, with cases regularly before the courts of Bucharest, Bihor, Mureș, Maramureș, Timiș, Prahova and Alba, plus cross-border matters

**NETWORK**

Lawyers across Romania and the European Union

**LANGUAGES**

Romanian and English

# Why us.

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| **Academic expertise** | PhD in cybercrime, university teaching and publications across both practices, including Romania's first Treatise on Cybercrime and articles on token classification and stock option plans. |
| **Technology expertise** | Experience in cybercrime, blockchain, AI and MiCA, with CyberOps Network specialists supporting digital evidence analysis. |
| **Court and peer recognition** | Work cited in binding rulings of the High Court of Cassation and Justice. Two constitutional challenges upheld by the Constitutional Court. The Union of Romanian Jurists' "Vintilă Dongoroz" prize (2020). |
| **Cross-border experience** | Nationwide representation, a network of lawyers across Romania and the EU, and expert evidence on Romanian law before UK courts. |

# Criminal law & technology.

Specialised defence in cybercrime, white-collar crime and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, with technology law, cybersecurity and MiCA compliance for companies.

01 **Cybercrime**

Unauthorised access, computer fraud, computer-related forgery, phishing, carding, crypto misappropriation and investment fraud, including assessment of the digital evidence.

CONTACT **George Zlati, Vlad Ulici**

02 **White-collar crime**

Corruption, financial fraud, tax evasion, money laundering, abuse of office, embezzlement and organised crime, before the DNA, DIICOT and the EPPO.

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03 **Extradition & EAW**

Expert reports on Romanian law for UK courts, representation before the Romanian courts, SIS and Interpol alerts.

CONTACT **George Zlati**

04 **Tech law**

E-commerce rules, content liability, platform governance and AI compliance under the AI Act.

CONTACT **Adina Ionescu, George Zlati**

05 **Cybersecurity**

Compliance, risk management and regulatory frameworks, including NIS2, incident-response procedures, notifications to the authorities and employee training.

CONTACT **George Zlati**

06 **MiCA compliance**

White paper reviews, crypto-asset classifications and regulatory filings for exchanges and token issuers under the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation.

CONTACT **Adina Ionescu, George Zlati**

# Business & civil law.

Transactions, contracts, litigation, public procurement and compliance for companies, start-ups and investors, including technology and AI companies.

01 **Business law**

Contract negotiation and review, GDPR compliance, corporate operations and labour law in day-to-day business, plus litigation in court and in arbitration.

CONTACT Adina Ionescu

02 **Start-ups**

Formation, capital raising and investment rounds, regulatory compliance and commercial contracts for start-ups and scale-ups.

CONTACT Simona Chiperi, Adina Ionescu

03 **M&A**

Due diligence, regulatory clearances and negotiation through to closing, in domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

CONTACT Simona Chiperi

04 **Public procurement**

Participation in procedures, complaints before the National Council for the Resolution of Complaints (CNSC) and representation in court, for businesses and contracting authorities.

CONTACT Adina Ionescu, Simona Chiperi

05 **Medical malpractice**

Civil liability claims and criminal complaints arising from medical errors, including in surgical procedures.

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06 **Class actions**

Class actions and collective criminal complaints for groups of claimants or victims, over consumer rights, financial fraud, corporate misconduct, data breaches and medical negligence.

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# Selected experience.

A selection of matters from both practices.

## CRIMINAL LAW & TECHNOLOGY

### CYBERCRIME

Defence of a client accused of misappropriating over 200 bitcoin. A smart contract manipulation case. A client who lost over 100 bitcoin in a cyber attack.

### WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

Clients accused of fraudulently obtaining national and EU funds. Corruption, money laundering and tax evasion cases.

### EXTRADITION & EAW

Expert reports and court testimony on Romanian law in UK extradition proceedings. Representation before the Romanian courts, up to the High Court.

### TECH LAW

A national television programme's obligation, secured for a client, to publish a public apology over a defamatory post. Proceedings against banks over phishing losses.

### MICA COMPLIANCE

White paper reviews for public offerings and admissions to trading. Legal opinions on crypto-asset classifications.

## BUSINESS & CIVIL LAW

### BUSINESS LAW

Listing of an IT company on the AeRO market of the Bucharest Stock Exchange.

### M&A

Acquisition of an IT business exceeding €1,000,000. Acquisition of a majority stake in a company developing AI technology.

### START-UPS

Several successful investment rounds. Contracts essential to the clients' long-term business.

### PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Award documentation amended before the CNSC and the courts to allow open-source software. Damages recovered for faulty execution of procurement contracts.

### MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Court action to compel the Medical College's Higher Disciplinary Committee to examine a dental-error complaint. Settlements in potential malpractice claims.

# The core team.

The business and civil law practice is led by Adina Ionescu and Simona Chiperi, criminal law and technology by George Zlati, with Vlad Ulici as associate. George Zlati is a member of ECBA and EFCL and, with Vlad Ulici, of Lexure Legal Hub.



## George Zlati

PARTNER
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Criminal defence for more than 14 years: cybercrime, blockchain and crypto-assets. PhD in cybercrime. Trainer at the National Institute of Magistracy. Author of Romania's first Treatise on Cybercrime.

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## Adina Ionescu

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Business, technology and administrative law, with a focus on public procurement. Commercial contracts, transactions, procurement disputes and litigation, mainly for technology and AI companies.

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## Simona Chiperi

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Civil and commercial law, in particular mergers and acquisitions, public procurement, start-ups and medical malpractice. M&A and investment rounds for IT and AI clients. Master's degree in medical malpractice (2026).

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## Vlad Ulici

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Member of the Cluj Bar, specialising in white-collar crime, cybercrime and economic offences. Publishes regularly on cybercrime and customs offences. Master's in Criminal Sciences and Criminalistics, first in his cohort.

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# The extended team.

External counsel on criminal law and criminal procedure, and technical specialists from CyberOps Network who support the cybercrime, digital evidence and cybersecurity practice.



## Dan-Sebastian Cherteș

EXTERNAL COUNSEL
CRIMINAL LAW

Member of the Cluj Bar since 2007, practising criminal law since 2010. Member of the Cluj Bar Council and of the UNBR Council. Co-author of the Code of Criminal Procedure commentary coordinated by Mihail Udroiu.



## David Timofte

CYBEROPS NETWORK
CYBER OPERATIONS LEAD

OSINT, social engineering and the security of applications and large language models. Over five years in cybersecurity, assessing the security of emerging technologies.



## Ovidiu Valea

CYBEROPS NETWORK
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Offensive security, cyber threat intelligence, red teaming and OSINT investigations. Over seven years in cybersecurity. MSc in cybersecurity, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, where he also teaches.



## Costică Luchian

CYBEROPS NETWORK
CTO

Digital forensics and incident response, red-team operations and technical evaluation of digital evidence. Over six years in cybersecurity, managing incidents from initial breach to final resolution.

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