

New appointments at *Raidla Lejins & Norcous* Riga office

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***Raidla Lejins & Norcous* Riga office announces a new partner appointment and change in the management of the office.**



As of February 1, **Ingrida Karina-Berzina** joins the firm as a partner heading the Intellectual Property & Information Technologies practice group. She is a dual qualified attorney (US and Latvia), a Latvian and European trademark and design attorney, and is qualified to practice before OHIM and the USPTO. Ms Karina-Berzina is a Board member of the Latvian Association of Patent Attorneys and is a longtime lecturer on IP and general business law at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga and the Riga Graduate School of Law. She has an extensive experience representing a transatlantic client base in matters relating to intellectual property strategy, registrations, disputes, and commercialization.

The appointment of I. Karina-Berzina reflects the firm's commitment to further strengthening its IP & IT practice as an area of strategic importance for businesses. Ingrida Karina-Berzina: *"I am delighted to join the *Raidla Lejins & Norcous* Riga team. I share the firm's vision of offering top-class legal services to business clients across the Baltics, building on the firm's strong presence in the IP & IT area in all three Baltic offices. My background advising clients in the United States, Europe, and internationally is an ideal fit for the firm's focus on advising both export-oriented Baltic businesses and global companies entering the Baltic market."*

As of February 1, 2012, **Dace Silava-Tomsone** will serve as Managing Partner of the firm. Ms Silava-Tomsone has been with the firm since its inception in 1994 and has successfully led its EU & Competition and Transactions practice groups. She is a *Chambers & Partners, Legal 500* and *PLC Which lawyer?* recommended practitioner in the areas of Corporate and M&A, EU & Competition and Real Estate.

Founding partner **Girts Lejins**, a recommended practitioner by *Chambers & Partners, Legal 500* and *PLC Which lawyer?* in the areas of Corporate & Commercial, Banking & Finance and Dispute Resolution, will continue to serve clients in the respective areas.

Partner **Guntars Zile** will become the head of the firm's Transactions practice group. Mr Zile has been with the firm for 15 years and is a *PLC Which lawyer?* recommended practitioner in the areas of Corporate and M&A, and Real Estate. In 2011 he represented clients in many significant M&A transactions, including representing *AXA Private Equity* and *Resource Partners* in the acquisition of a majority stake in *Baltcom*, acting for *Hansa Auto (Amserve Group)* in the acquisition of *Adam Auto*, and assisting *BaltCap* in its acquisition of a stake in *Runway*.

Raidla Lejins & Norcous is a leading pan-Baltic provider of legal services with independent offices in Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius. With a total staff of 140 professionals, of whom over 100 are lawyers, it renders comprehensive legal services to local, regional and international legal entities. The substantial domestic and international practices of *Raidla Lejins & Norcous* focus on mergers and acquisitions, corporate advisory, dispute resolution, competition, real estate and construction, banking and finance, intellectual property and employment law.

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