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Anca SIMERIA and Iuliana BIDALACHE:

POPESCU & ASOCIATII and POPESCU INSOLVENCY new partners

POPESCU & ASOCIATII announces today the appointment of two new partners of the law firm and of the insolvency affiliated company, Anca SIMERIA and Iuliana BIDALACHE, effective starting January 1, 2022. Anca and Iuliana are part of the team's new generation and extraordinary lawyers, genuine professionals who founded the two companies in 2019, together with the other 4 partners, consistently contributing to constant growth during its 3 years since its incorporation.

Anca SIMERIA has over 10 years of experience, being involved, over the years, in numerous M&A mandates, assisting clients in a wide range of corporate, commercial and employment law matters, being part of teams managing complex financial transactions, mergers and division procedures, transfers of business and assets, followed by restructuring and reorganization of companies from employment perspective, in areas such as insurance, real estate, energy and natural resources, medical and pharmaceutical services, IT&C.

In addition, her legal assistance included advising large multinational companies, private equity funds, key local and international players operating on various markets in Romania, during the legal procedures related to regulation and authorizations, the restructuring of the property portfolio, as well as real estate guarantees, being involved in all stages of transactions, from due diligence to post-closure operations.

Anca SIMERIA is heading Mergers and Acquisitions and Capital Markets practices, also contributing to the development of the Employment, Compensations and Benefits practice at POPESCU & ASOCIATII.

Iuliana BIDALACHE is a lawyer and insolvency practitioner who over the almost 15 years has assisted and represented numerous companies during all stages of reorganization and insolvency, including judicial and voluntary reorganization, pre-insolvency procedures, bankruptcy and liquidation, asset recovery and / or negotiations with debtors and creditors, but also the valuation of the legal feasibility of the reorganization plans, the analysis of the transfers and contracts concluded before the opening of the insolvency proceedings, as well as of the claims related to the termination of the fraudulent acts and the commitment of the liability for the debtor's insolvency state.

Iuliana manages complex litigation cases in the insolvency field, including debt recovery, foreclosure procedures, commercial and civil litigation and disputes, assignments entrusted by clients in a wide range of sectors, such as energy, pharmaceutical industry, FMCG or the financial field. She is recognized by the prestigious Legal 500 EMEA legal director as next generation partner in restructuring and insolvency, in the last 5 consecutive years.

Iuliana is heading Restructuring and Insolvency practice at POPESCU & ASOCIATII, being a key member of POPESCU INSOLVENCY, the insolvency company affiliated to the law firm, within which she will be active as Insolvency Partner.

"I am honored to become Partner at POPESCU & ASOCIATII and to be part of the management team of the fastest and most sustained growth law firm in Romania, recognized for its exceptional services and team of professionals. This promotion represents the most important step in my development as a professional in the legal field, and I am glad to have the trust and support of my colleagues. Together we will continue to bring added value to the mandates that our clients entrust us, to build even more on the success achieved so far and to continue the expansion, both of the law firm and of client portfolio", said Anca SIMERIA.

"I am glad to be part of POPESCU & ASOCIATII successful story and to be named Partner within a law firm with a consistent evolution and remarkable results. I chose the team to have a contribution to the development of a new law firm, coordinated by a team of experienced lawyers, recognized by fellow lawyers on the Romania market. Today, I am lucky to have alongside a united team, which I can rely on every time, I appreciate and with whom I want to build for the long term", said Iuliana BIDALACHE.

"These appointments reflect the firm's commitment to invest in the talented lawyers of the new generation, by recognizing the merits, efforts and added value they bring each time to the mandates and files they are managing. Iuliana and Anca are excellent strengths for POPESCU & ASOCIATII and we are very glad to have them in the management structure of the company, being founding members and contributing significantly to today's success. The extraordinary skills they have, together with the significant experience in their areas of expertise allow us to highlight once again our capabilities in Corporate and Commercial, Mergers and Acquisitions, Capital Markets and Restructuring and Insolvency, to build further to provide clients with first class legal services and to remain the number 1 choice of local and international companies in legal matters." added Octavian POPESCU.

POPESCU & ASOCIATII is a frontline law firm in Romania, providing premium clients with exceptional integrated services, both in Romania and abroad, in all relevant practice areas and especially in industries of interest to active economic players.

POPESCU & ASOCIATII and its lawyers are included in the elite of the Romanian business lawyers in areas such as **Corporate/Mergers and Acquisitions, Litigation, PPP and Acquisitions, Restructuring and Insolvency, Tax and White-Collar Crime**, based on extraordinary capabilities in the legal sector and client's feedback, recognitions granted by the latest editions of all the renowned legal directories such as **Chambers & Partners, IFLR 1000, Benchmark Litigation and Legal 500 EMEA**.

The company was included on the short list of Benchmark Litigation Awards for **Law Firm of the Year in Litigation** and by Europa Property, the publication specialized in commercial real estate in Central and South-Eastern Europe, in the category **Law Firm of the Year in Romania in Real Estate** within the **SEE Real Estate Awards**, 15th edition.

An unparalleled performance is represented by the exclusive award of highly **Commended Law Firm in Southeastern Europe** at the 2021 edition of **The Lawyer European Awards**. POPESCU & ASOCIATII has thus become the first law firm in Romania, with less than 3 years of activity, obtaining this recognition, the positioning in The Lawyer ranking targeting a regional category, dominated by big names in the European law.

POPESCU & ASOCIATII has also received the awards for the **Best Litigation Law Firm in Romania, the Best Banking Law Firm in Romania, the Best Real Estate Law Firm in Romania** and has been recognized among the best White-Collar Crime law firms in Romania, based on the extraordinary experience and acknowledgement of the local legal market, at the Romanian Law Awards Gala.