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Co-Head of Dispute Resolution and leader of the Real Estate Disputes team

Experience

Jovitas’ key expertise is in real estate and construction disputes, focusing in particular on commercial properties, project development, commercial leases, and property investment and finance. In particular, he has extensive experience in the handling of cases where an entity from the public sector is one of the parties.

He has in-depth expertise in the energy, infrastructure, transport, water, and waste-management industries. He also leads the team of lawyers organising defences in major state investigations and white-collar cases.

Jovitas’ client portfolio includes several of the largest Lithuanian companies, including real-estate-and-construction market leaders Realco, Panevėžio Statybos Trestas, and Panevėžio Keliai,

companies engaged in industrial and energy solutions such as Axis industries and Veolia, food-manufacturing pioneer the KG Group, and utilities market leader City Service SE.

He is ranked highly by the independent Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 legal directories.

Prior to joining the firm in 2007, Jovitas was the Head of Legal at Vilnius Municipality.

Working languages: English, Russian, German, Lithuanian

Education and Memberships

University of Zurich, Law studies
Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Executive Master of Business Administration
Vilnius University, Master of Business Administration
Vilnius University, LL.M.

Member of:
Lithuanian Bar Association

Practice highlights

2026

- Settlement ends 10-year dispute over Vilnius “Žalgiris” base site

2025

- A historic win: we achieved the highest-ever damages award in a Lithuanian public procurement case

2024

- Victory in the dispute over the tenant’s preemptive right to renew the lease for 20 years

2023

- Successfully represented the client in white collar case

2022

- Successfully defended foreign investors and local companies from EUR 240 million claim

2021

- Successfully defended a client in the pre-trial investigation
- Public procurement case before the European Court of Justice
- The Court allowed the renovation of hotel „Britanika”
- The Supreme Court of Lithuania ruled on the construction of the building at Jasinskio st. 12

2020

- Victory in 40 million EUR dispute regarding the tender of Liepkalnis intersection
- Represented the client in a complex case before the Vilnius Regional Court
- Dispute with the insolvency administrator
- Successfully represented a contractor in a case for the payment of an insurance indemnity
- The financial damages dispute

2019

- A case regarding the claim for damages
- Represented the client in a civil case
- Represented the client in the restructuring proceedings

2018

- Initiation of restructuring proceedings
- Represented a client in a case regarding state land plot
- Represented a leading waste management company
- A case regarding annulment of contracts
- Successfully represented a client in a case brought by the State Tax Inspectorate

- Important victory in a public procurement case
- Represented Administration of Plungė District Municipality
- A case regarding concerted actions in the public procurement

2016

- Tender for the implementation of waste utilisation activities
- Successfully represented company engaged in agricultural products processing
- Represented a company active in construction business
- A dispute regarding public tender for Klaipėda swimming pool

2015

- Represented a client in a case regarding the sale of the State land

2014

- Represented a company acting in the energy sector
- Case against the State Territorial Planning and Construction Inspectorate of Lithuania

2013

- Represented Lithuanian Gas in the international scope energy dispute
- Represented an energy company regarding the recognition and enforcement of an arbitral award
- Successfully represented an ex-politician

2012

- Represented Vilnius City Municipality
- Represented the shopping mall owner
- Defended the interest of the construction company