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As a lawyer and certified mediator, Sascha is a partner in dispute resolution and compliance whose practice focuses on representing clients in complex civil and criminal matters and other sensitive situations.

He has broad experience in advising companies and organisations on compliance matters, including data privacy, white collar crime, tax and insolvency crime. In all of these areas Sascha carries out audits, provides training and advises on risk analyses and the design of compliance programs. In addition, he sets up and runs whistleblower programmes and serves as an ombudsman for international companies.

Handelsblatt/Best Lawyers recognizes Sascha as one of Germany's best Criminal Defense Lawyers. His recent work includes:

- Advising Larry Thompson, the Monitor appointed by the US Department of Justice in the global Volkswagen diesel emission scandal, on all matters of European and German law, notably in the areas of compliance & data privacy
- Implementing the international whistleblowing hotline for RWE AG and Vossloh
- Acting as contact person for informants concerning the acid attack on a German CFO
- Intra-company mediation for a Rolls-Royce group member.

Sascha read law at the Universities of Passau, Pavia (Italy) and Cologne, mediation in Hagen (M.M.), completed postgraduate studies in criminal tax law in Hagen and worked for several law firms in Italy, Belgium and Germany as well as a chair for criminal law and criminal procedure.

He has worked in the Simmons & Simmons Düsseldorf office since joining the firm in 2004 and became a partner in 2011.

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Koen advises clients on EU and Belgian competition law matters and has significant experience in merger control, cartel cases and abuse of dominance cases, compliance programmes, competition litigation/arbitration and State aid matters. He also advises more broadly on EU law matters such as free movement and various regulatory issues. His broad ranging practice spans the energy, life sciences and TMT sectors.

He has over 20 years' experience in Brussels advising and representing clients before EU institutions, the Belgian Competition Authority, the EU Courts in Luxembourg and national courts.



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Partner Alex Backsmann, Head of German Speaking Desk of Veirano Advogados, is qualified as a Lawyer in Brazil, Germany and England and has a Ph.D. in comparative law, obtained in Germany based on research undertaken in the U.S.A.

Alex is a partner in our Corporate/M&A, as well as Arbitration Departments. He has profound experience in advising clients in corporate law, including cross-border Mergers & Acquisitions and in representing them in international and complex arbitral proceedings. He acts in many of the more sophisticated transactions and arbitral proceedings in Brazil.

In terms of work organized, coordinated and supervised by him, in connection with the firms' German Speaking Desk, Alex is very versatile, as such works involve all practice areas. He works closely aligned with both the client and his partners from the other areas of practice, safeguarding an efficient management of the clients' legal projects in Brasil.

Before joining Veirano, Till Alexander held a management position as Head of Corporate Services Legal Affairs of the Multinational Group Germanischer Lloyd (today DNV GL). There, he was responsible for the corporate law activities, which concerned 160 group companies in over 80 countries (including the preparation of Shareholders', Supervisory and Executive Board Meetings). Together with his team, he provided legal advice to all central services departments at Head Office, including Finance, Tax, Human Resources, Business Auditing and Information Technology. He looked after the Intellectual Property of the Group and the related strategies, drafted the standard corporate procedures of the Group and provided legal services regarding bids and contractual negotiations with important clients from the maritime, oil & gas and renewables sectors. Alex was also Compliance Contact Person.

Previously, Alex worked with two major German law firms and at one of the most prestigious law firms in Chile, he specialized on corporate (including Mergers & Acquisitions) commercial, and procedural / arbitral matters.

Alex has provided legal advice on a vast variety of legal issues to many clients from Austria, Germany, other member countries of the European Union, Switzerland, the U.S.A., the Commonwealth and Latin America, including publicly listed groups, multinational, as well as family owned companies, and the following industries: commodities, automobile, metallurgy, maritime, oil & gas, renewable energy, mining, real estate, construction, food, telecommunications, banking, insurance and public entities.



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Jenny is a Supervising Associate in our Greater China TMT team. She is a PRC-qualified lawyer and a practising solicitor in England and Wales.

She works extensively for leading international and domestic TMT sector companies, strategic and financial investors and financial institutions in both advisory and transactional matters. Her primary focus has been advising clients on Chinese and global data compliance issues. Her expertise also covers VC/PE investments, regulatory compliance, intellectual property, as well as cross-border M&A transactions and general corporate matters. She has worked in Beijing, Hong Kong and London and is now based in our Shenzhen office.

Jenny is a regular contributor to Simmons & Simmons website, the official Simmons & Simmons WeChat account and for the China chapters of Lexology Getting the Deal Through for FinTech and Telecoms and Media. She is ranked as a Rising Star by Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

Jenny has an LLB from Peking University, and a master of law from China University of Political Science and Law (specialised in IP law).



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Zdeněk Husták has been providing long term legal advice, consultancy and legal representation to number of clients active on the financial markets i.e.

- Air bank, a.s. long term advisory services to major local retail bank on the internal governance, regulatory issues and compliance;
- Allianz insurance, a.s., advice to major insurance company regarding internal governance as well as data protection and compliance agenda;
- Česká exportní banka, a.s. (Czech Export Bank) – Consultancy services and representation of major export bank, advice on the internal governance and compliance;
- ČEZ a.s., long term advice and consultancy to major Czech energy producing and distributing firm regarding internal governance, whistle-blowing and compliance issues;
- Home Credit a.s. advisory services to major local retail credit provider on the internal governance, data protection, regulatory issues and compliance;
- Penzijní společnost České pojišťovny, a.s. – Consultancy services to major Czech pension funds managing company regarding regulation and compliance issues;
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András Komáromi is a partner at Andersen in Hungary. He concentrates on dispute resolution and litigation, mergers and acquisition, real estate transactions, corporate and commercial law, corporate restructuring, and insolvency procedures. Prior to joining Andersen, András was a partner at Szabó Kelemen & Partners Attorneys since early 2008.

His recent experience includes:

- Performing legal due diligence reviews in connection with the acquisition of financial institutions and related transactional work;
- Acting as the legal representative of grain trading companies in regular court and arbitration proceedings, including GAFTA and FOSFA proceedings;
- Performing transactional work in connection with the purchase of a company holding a valuable office building in downtown Budapest;
- Performing transactional work in connection with the purchase and financing of two companies holding valuable building plots in downtown Budapest;
- Transactional work in connection with leasing Budapest commercial estate, legal representation of the owner of the real property in legal disputes vis-a-vis the tenants;
- Providing legal financing and corporate law transactional work in connection with the corporate restructuring of a multinational company group holding deepwater drilling oil rigs;
- Providing legal consultancy services in various insolvency procedures.

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Emanuela has nearly 20 years of experience in employment law matters, industrial relations, and employment law litigation.

She is an of counsel in our Employment group in Milan. She represents some of the largest international luxury and fashion companies before civil and employment courts and the Italian Supreme Court on a wide range of employment matters.

Emanuela also provides day-to-day assistance to clients on non-contentious matters. These include smart-working projects; employee hires, transfers and terminations; protection against parallel importing; background checks; GDPR-related issues; social media policies; whistleblowing and related policies; and investigations and disciplinary procedures.

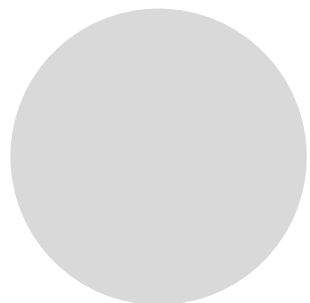
She joined us in 2001 and has completed various secondments to our main clients within their HR and legal division. She regularly leads legal seminars on employment law matters and cooperates in reviewing caselaw developments. She is a member of the European Employment Lawyers Association (EELA).

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David is a specialist in financial and economic criminal law and is a highly experienced defence counsel in corporate crime litigation matters. Apart from being an excellent litigator, he is a strong advocate for the preparedness of companies and advises boards on compliance issues, designs or upgrades corporate compliance programs and conducts internal investigations for proactive remediation.

He has a very broad experience in white collar crime, in a wide range of fraud matters (including complex accounting, banking, securities, environmental and tax), as well as in compliance and regulatory issues for companies, board members or higher level management. He and his team are also experienced in advising on company policies including Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) due diligence, cybersecurity and cybercrime resilience, anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, safety & health and trade sanctions. David's practice has a strong international focus and is marked by multi-disciplinary aspects of law.

David is a partner in Amsterdam and works closely with other specialists of Simmons & Simmons internationally. He has built up a large international network of specialist peers over the years, which enables him to offer the client an optimum of knowledge and high level experience if there is also an extended scope outside his practice.

David has over 30 years' experience in high profile litigation matters. He has been a partner since 1998 in leading domestic (boutique) and international law firms. David has a long list of publications to his name and is co-author of the Dutch Defence Counsel Handbook (on Tax Fraud) and of the book Financial Law Compliance (on money laundering and crypto currencies). Furthermore, David regularly lectures about Corporate Compliance, Financial Crime and Cybercrime related topics. He is recommended as a leading practitioner in the "Who's Who of Business Crime Lawyers" and is ranked Tier 2 in the Legal 500 and Band 2 in Chambers. David has Master Degrees in Criminal Law and Tax Law. He is a member of the Dutch Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys (NVSA), the International Bar Association (IBA), the American Bar Association (ABA) and a Fellow of the International Academy of Financial Crime Litigators.

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Head of PCS Paruch Chrusciel Schiffter I Littler Global branch office in Wrocław, a leading expert in employment law, who thoroughly knows and understands the nature and needs of local businesses. She has vast experience in providing ongoing legal services to businesses, combining interdisciplinary knowledge with a business approach. Karolina provides comprehensive support for HR departments, including employment restructuring, hiring and the dismissal of senior managers. As a certified Compliance Officer and head of PCS Compliance, she manages and monitors clients' policies to minimise any associated risk. With several years of trial experience, she confidently guides clients through harassment and discrimination investigations. She shares her academic and practical knowledge by teaching MBA students as well as speaking at conferences and holding workshops. She is a passionate legal educator who is often invited by the mainstream media to talk and write about the intricacies of employment law.



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Ionuț Sava is a senior attorney at law with Schoenherr Romania, where he specialises in real estate, construction and arbitration. He has considerable experience in representing large local and multinational companies on general real estate and constructions matters in connection with their projects in Romania, as well as on transactions in this sector. He has advised on all phases of project development and operation, and has drawn/reviewed and negotiated a considerable number of industry-specific contracts. Ionut has developed a particularly strong track record in advising on disputes involving real estate, constructions and infrastructure market players. This involves assistance to claimants and defendants in international arbitration cases under ICC arbitration rules, concerning claims that arise out of contractual dealings.



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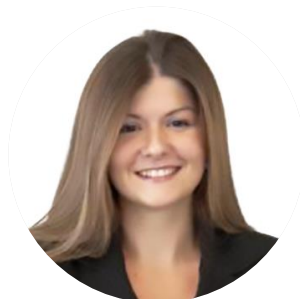
Anastasia Petrova is a Counsel in the Labour and Employment, White Collar Crime, Compliance and Investigations, Data Protection and Cybersecurity Practices of ALRUD Law Firm. Anastasia provides comprehensive support on all issues of labour law, including internal investigations and compliance, by companies and their employees, with internal policies and procedures, the introduction of preventive compliance measures and electronic document management in the HR processes of companies. Anastasia has significant experience in supporting clients on labour issues during M&A transactions.

Anastasia advises on a wide range of complex issues in the field of confidentiality and data protection, cybersecurity, and legislation in the field of information technology, including the structuring of data flows with a cross-border element, the legal assessment of products and technologies that are based on data management, and the construction of data ecosystems, legislation on critical information infrastructure and industrial regulation.

Anastasia manages projects for conducting comprehensive audits of companies' compliance processes, and assists clients in eliminating the risks identified during the audits. Considering Anastasia's wide expertise, she is very effective in complex compliance projects, such as whistleblowing activities and procedures support, internal investigations, disciplinary processes regular compliance monitoring activities. Anastasia graduated from the Russian State University for the Humanities. She joined the ALRUD team in 2010. Anastasia is a member of the International Bar Association (IBA).

Recent projects include:

- A number on international clients in the course of support of their whistleblowing hotlines, including local investigations upon results of the reporting, disciplinary processes and preventive activities.
- A worldwide known supplier of automotive interior systems on implementation of various compliance policies in its Russian subsidiary and advised on the establishing of whistleblowing hotline for employees in Russia.
- A global provider of engineering and construction solutions to the energy industry in the course of the internal investigation in respect of local top management together with the US-based compliance team and external investigators of the client. During the investigation Anastasia interviewed the suspected employees, analyzed business communication and documents. In result of the investigation a number of misconducts and violations of compliance procedures have been discovered. These have resulted in the necessity of changing the management of the client's subsidiary in Russia. Anastasia supported the client during the process of employment termination and changing of local management, she also negotiated the employment termination terms and conditions.



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Olga Šipka is a Special Counsel in the Kinstellar Belgrade office and the head of the local competition and compliance service line.

Olga's core practices include competition and antitrust, regulatory and compliance. She boasts significant, broad-based experience advising and representing leading Serbian and international companies on numerous competition, data protection, corporate, and regulatory projects covering Serbia and the Western Balkans. Her experience extends across a wide range of industries, including pharmaceuticals, insurance, banking, consumer goods, telecommunications, IT and healthcare.

Olga has also held/made a number of workshops, training sessions and presentations on compliance with competition, regulatory, anti-bribery, white collar and data protection laws. Olga continuously advises international institutions and state bodies on policy options and facilitates development and regulatory dialogue between relevant stakeholders.

Recent Engagements include:

- Developing a data protection compliance program and review of relevant compliance aspects in one of the largest generic pharmaceutical producers in Serbia and Montenegro. Full alignment with all compliance aspects (data protection, anticorruption, sanctions, pharma regulation)
- Representing and advising clients in several high-profile data protection investigations before the Serbian Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection
- Developing a data protection and anticorruption compliance program for one of the largest healthcare institutions in Serbia, organizing training for over a hundred health care professionals, drafting compliance manuals and rulebooks, dissemination etc.
- Advising on the cyber security and compliance aspects regarding the launch of the e-documents service tools by several companies active in the IT sector
- Developing a cross-border multijurisdictional data protection compliance program for a world-wide home appliance producer
- Developing regional transfer impact assessments and a day-to-day data protection advice for several multinational groups active in Serbia and Montenegro



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Álvaro has wide-range expertise in the Life Science and Financial sectors and is particularly skilled at advising foreign companies in a range of human resources issues, both contentious and non-contentious, and at conducting cross-border legal investigations.

Álvaro is an associate in our Employment group in Madrid. He advises leading national and international institutions in all types of employment issues, including employment contracts, Top Management, individual and collective dismissals, non-competition agreements and other restrictive covenants and employment law issues in connection with due diligence matters and transactions.

Clients highlight the key role that Álvaro plays in the Employment team of Simmons & Simmons. "He is always able to give you a quick and concise response in urgent situations," says one client, while another adds: "We understand each other very well and know how we both work" (Chambers Europe 2017). Another client says: "Álvaro Zaldívar is a lawyer who responds magnificently in both the manner of his response and its timing, and who is, in spite of his young age, a person of great talent." (Chambers Europe 2018).

Álvaro is a member of the Madrid Bar Association and has completed an LLM in Employment Law at Garrigues. He is fluent in English, French and Spanish and since joining Simmons & Simmons in 2013, Álvaro has completed secondments at our offices in London and Dubai.



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Patrik's fields of experience include both domestic and international commercial litigation and arbitration as well as white collar criminal proceedings and intellectual property rights. He has in-depth knowledge of, e.g., the Finnish, Swedish and English Arbitration Acts, and the arbitration rules of such institutions as the ICC, SCC, LCIA, DIA, ICSID, IATA and the Arbitration Institute of the Finland Chamber of Commerce.

Chambers Global 2022:

Patrik was ranked as the only Star Individual in dispute resolution in Finland.

According to Chambers Global 2022, "Stellar disputes lawyer Patrik Lindfors has outstanding experience in domestic and cross-border arbitrations offering additional experience in litigation pertaining to insurance-related disputes, patent infringement and contractual matters. Clients comment on his ability "to navigate both in details and the big picture, whatever the case at hand requires," adding that he is an "out-of-the-box, strategic thinker." Patrik is also highlighted as one of the Most in Demand Arbitrators in the country.



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Raci specializes in various legal matters related to the shipping and insurance sectors including contracts of carriage, marine insurance and a wide array of disputes arising out of casualties such as collisions, groundings, salvage, crew injury/death, cargo damage/loss and pollution. Among his clients are P&I, FD&D and hull insurers, ship owners, charterers, operators, ports, shipyards and traders.

His transport related work also covers carriage by road where he advises and represents clients ranging from hauliers, freight forwarders and other types of logistics service providers and their insurers to warehouse operators and terminals on complex disputes involving CMR, contracts of carriage, multimodal transport, cargo casualty, theft and customs issues.

On the non-marine side of his insurance practice, he advises underwriters, particularly ones operating in the Lloyd's market, on coverage issues and disputes involving a Turkish element.

On several occasions he has issued specialist legal opinions, witness statements and affidavits in court and arbitral proceedings held in various jurisdictions on legal questions concerning Turkish transport and insurance law.

He has vast experience in the recognition and enforcement in Turkey of judgments and awards rendered in various jurisdictions.



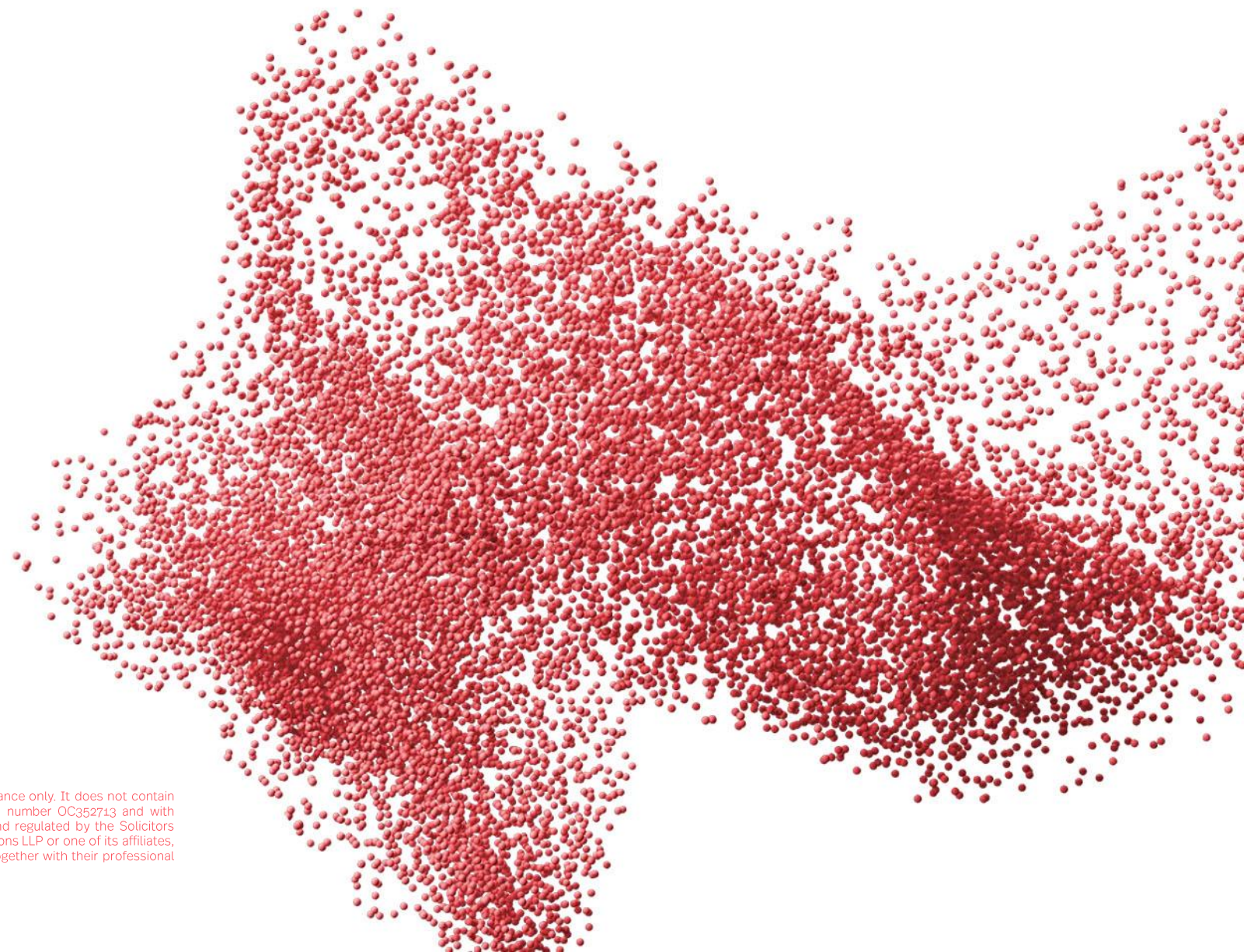
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