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Allen & Overy's success story in Bratislava continues – a new partner promoted



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On 1 May 2011, **Renátus Kollár** (36) became a partner in the global law firm Allen & Overy. Renátus has been working at Allen & Overy since 2000, and he leads its Slovak **Banking and Finance Practice**. He specialises in advising domestic and foreign financial institutions on bankruptcy and restructuring, corporate finance, project finance and real estate finance. Renátus also participated in the preparation of key legislation on restructuring, bankruptcy and collateral in the Slovak Republic. In 2004, he spent six months on secondment in the London office.

Allen & Overy is a global law firm with approximately 5,000 staff, including 470 partners, working in 36 major centres in 26 countries. It is a part of our global strategy to promote the development of the network of its offices in **Central and Eastern Europe**. Hence, the appointment of Renátus as one of 21 new partners in 13 offices across the world is a clear indication of the importance of this region for A&O's global strategy.

His appointment also reflects the special position of Allen & Overy, and more specifically of its six-member banking practice, **on the local market**. In our ten plus years of operation in this market, we have become one of the leading law firms in Slovakia. Renátus's team of banking lawyers is, in our view, not only the biggest and the most experienced banking team in this market, but also the team which regularly advises the major Slovak banks on their most important transactions.

This is well-illustrated through our recent credentials: in the past year, we have worked on documentation for financial transactions worth approximately EUR 1.5 billion, while acting as an advisor to almost every major bank on the Slovak market, with the biggest Slovak private equity houses acting as our traditional counterparties.

Allen & Overy Bratislava's staff comprises 18 lawyers, including three partners – **Martin Magál** (Slovak partner), **Hugh Owen** (English partner) and, from 1 May, **Renátus Kollár** (Slovak partner). We advise clients on mergers and acquisitions, commercial and corporate law, banking and financial law (including derivatives), banking and finance regulation, bankruptcy and restructuring law, energy, litigation, competition, intellectual property and labour law. Our key clients include local and international corporations, financial institutions, public authorities and regulators.

"It [Allen & Overy Bratislava] is in the premier league and its outstanding track record speaks for itself."

Chambers Global 2010

"The 'highly qualified and extremely competent' team at this magic circle firm is made up of 'smart, tough, pragmatic lawyers with lots of experience'."

Chambers Europe 2011

"Clients appreciate the outfit's 'tailored mix of international and local knowledge' and the firm's consistent adherence to 'top-quality standards'."

Chambers Global 2010

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