

### **Vassiliki Lazarakou, JSD –Chair of the Hellenic Capital Markets Commission**

Vassiliki Lazarakou, Chair of the Hellenic Capital Markets Commission (HCMC), is admitted to both Athens Bar (Supreme Court Lawyer) and New York Bar, USA. She is an expert in capital markets, banking and finance law as well as in M&As and has led a large number of international and domestic business transactions.

She was the first Vice-Chair of the Hellenic Capital Markets Commission (HCMC) from September 2012 until end of December 2015. During her term, she achieved the political agreement for the adoption of the Regulation and Directive on “Markets in Financial Instruments” (MiFID II/ MIFIR) as Chair of the relevant Working Group of the Council in 2014. She continued to work on the regulatory framework of MIFID II / MIFIR, by chairing, until May 2016, the Committee appointed by the Ministry of Finance for the transposition of MiFID II into Greek law. Also, she chaired the Council for the draft Regulation on European Long Term Investment Funds (ELTIFs) and managed to achieve the general approach by the Council in June 2014.

She was a partner of several law firms in Greece. Until her appointment as Chair of the HCMC, she was the Founding Partner of L&L Law Firm and before that from May 2016 until September 2017, she was a partner of KLC Law Firm, head of the Financial Law Department. Furthermore, from 1996 until 2012 (before her appointment with the HCMC as Vice Chair), she was working with Zepos & Yannopoulos Law Firm, where she was a Senior Partner and Head of the Capital Markets, Banking and Finance Group of as well as co – Head of the Real Estate Group of such Firm for many years.

In 2000 and for one year she worked at the legal department of the Athens Stock Exchange. Before that, she had worked with Zepos & Zepos law firm and earlier in the Legal Department of a pharmaceutical company, Sterling Winthrop Inc., New York, USA.

She has a Doctorate in Law (JSD) from New York University School of Law, New York, U.S.A. and her Doctoral thesis was on “Greek privatizations in International Perspective”. She also has an LLM in International Legal Studies from New York University School of Law and Bachelor in Law from the Athens University, School of Law.

Vassiliki Lazarakou participates in Seminars by teaching several capital markets and banking issues (indicatively, in 2019 and 2018 she was teaching e-learning seminars at the Athens University of Business for certifications of capital markets professionals as well as for corporate governance issues of financial institutions, in July and November 2018 as well as in June 2017 for MIFIR II issues, in 2018 and in September & October 2016 on AML issues, etc.).

She is the author of several articles in newspapers (relating to securities issues, such as MiFID II, SMEs, ELTIFs, Power Market in Greece) and co-author of several legal publications.