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Vilius Bernatonis is the Managing Partner at TGS Baltic. He has more than 20 years of practice providing legal services in the areas of banking and finance, energy, international judicial dispute, corporate and commercial law. Vilius works with major local and international banks and provides consultations to companies of strategic importance on financial matters. He regularly participates in conferences as a speaker or moderator on topics of finance, the economy and banking.

EXPERIENCE :

- › Representing VST (AB Vilniaus šilumos tinklai) and the Vilnius City Municipality in arbitration proceedings before the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC).
- › Representing the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania. Veolia Environnement S.A. (a company based in France) and other claimants brought a claim against the Republic of Lithuania before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington, D.C.
- › Together with the prominent Austrian law firm Graf & Pitkowitz Rechtsanwälte successfully defended Bank Snoras before the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) in a complex declaratory relief claim sought by another major Austrian bank.
- › Successfully defended interests of Vilnius CHP and won in the arbitration case against Polish boiler maker Rafako – the contractor was admitted to be at fault for delay in the biomass unit construction.
- › Advised and represented AB Klaipėdos Nafta in relations with Lithuanian and international banks in connection with financing of the LNG terminal construction project.
- › Provided legal advice to UAB LITGAS regarding the Sale and Purchase Agreement for Liquefied Natural Gas with Statoil ASA.
- › Advising EPSO-G, a state-owned holding company for Lithuanian gas TSO (Ambergrid) and electricity TSO (LITGRID), on main corporate governance matters.
- › Consulting on implementation of the projects on modernisation of the central heating sector in the two biggest cities in Lithuania, which are recognised as economic projects of national significance. The client will construct cogeneration heating plants (waste-to-energy and/or bio-fuel power plants, the CHP).
- › Advising AB LITGRID on various legal issues related to regulatory matters, including on the implementation of the strategic electricity cross-border interconnections construction projects LitPol Link and NordBalt.
- › As a subcontractor of Ramboll together with CMS McKenna LLC, provided advisory services to NJSC Naftogaz of Ukraine and the Government of Ukraine on the reform of natural gas sector under the public procurement procedure organized by the World Bank.
- › Represented the Republic of Lithuania in SCC arbitration proceedings against OAO Gazprom regarding OAO Gazprom's obligation to supply gas based on fair prices under the Share Sale and Purchase Agreement signed between the Republic of Lithuania and OAO Gazprom.