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Reff & Associates | Deloitte Legal co-opts in the team of partners Alex Slujitoru, a lawyer with over 15 years of experience, to lead the tax litigation practice. The management team of the law firm thus increases to nine partners.

Recommended by the independent international rankings Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners as one of the key lawyers in tax disputes, Alex Slujitoru has been involved in complex high-profile projects, from the leadership positions he held in specialized practices within important law firms. He has assisted companies from various industries, such as energy, retail, oil and gas, heavy industry, cereal trading, and represented them in front of the Romanian authorities and courts, as well as European institutions, in tax disputes in relation to VAT refunds, excises, interest requests for refunds or delayed reimbursements, annulment of acts of modification or non-modification of the taxation base, annulment of unlawful compensation or suspension of taxation decisions. Alex is also an active tax policy contributor.

"As a result of the accelerated growth in recent years, our litigation practice has reached over 20 lawyers and has developed very diverse areas of specialization, and its scale and the growth plans we have will benefit from the leadership of two partners. Thus, Alex Slujitoru, whom I welcome to the partners team of Reff & Associates, will focus on tax litigation, and Mihnea Galgotiu-Sararu, whom I thank for his dedication in developing both areas so far and for the exceptional results, will continue to develop the non-fiscal disputes practice. Both areas are increasingly intense and generating a growing need for specialized legal assistance," said <u>Alexandru Reff</u>, *Partner at Reff & Associates* | *Deloitte Legal*.

"We are very proud that a such an appreciated and experienced professional in tax litigation as Alex Slujitoru has chosen to join our project, which is a new confirmation of the reputation of our litigation practice and a natural step in our growth plans. I am convinced that the maturity and successes achieved so far by our litigation practice will fully benefit from Alex's specialization, experience and leadership, and thus we remain committed to our mission to provide the best services to our clients," said <u>Mihnea Galgoțiu-Sararu</u>, Partner at Reff & Associates | Deloitte Legal, leader of the administrative and commercial dispute resolution and arbitrations practice.

"In making the decision to join the team, the shared values with the group of partners were decisive, as well as Reff & Associates' scale, one of the largest law firms in the market, and the outstanding performance of the litigation team, which is always at the forefront of our field, so I am extremely excited about the opportunity to contribute to its further development," said **Alex Slujitoru**, *Partner at Reff & Associates | Deloitte Legal, leader of the tax litigation practice.*

Reff & Associates | Deloitte Legal has over 70 lawyers, out of which the tax and non-tax litigation practices comprise over 20 lawyers, who benefit from the expertise of professionals from all practice areas within the Deloitte network, including tax and financial advisors, technical experts and digitalization solutions. Thus, the multidisciplinary teams can cover all types of business disputes, from fiscal, to commercial and administrative litigation.