



## FAMILY LAW

Top rated family law attorneys fluent in English.

Experience with hundreds of high profile cases involving celebrities.



• THE BEST ATTORNEYS' OFFICE by the Kazakhstan Union of Attorneys





Sayat Zholshy & Partners has a team of dexterous counsellors and skilled advocates specialising in family law issues. We have been leading this feature segment of the Kazakhstan legal services market for years.

Over the years, we have succeeded in advising and supporting our Clients (including a number of VIPs) with regard to such issues as international marriage; distribution of marital property; determination of the place of residence for underage children, the procedure for their communication with a separated parent and the procedure for their upbringing and support; and, of course, divorce. The SZP Family Law team handles many cases complicated by foreign citizen involvement, including, but not limited to, the cases for division of marital property located outside Kazakhstan across multiple jurisdictions, headline-making and high-profile cases under public scrutiny, and dealing with mass media that require specific knowledge, skills and expertise. Confidentiality is our top priority.

The Firm's Family Law practice is supervised by Partner Dmitriy Chumakov whose team consists of seven highly experienced lawyers capable of ensuring an effective defence of Client's interests. The team's clientele includes foreign nationals, famous celebrities, politicians, businessmen and other public figures.

During many years of hard work the SZP portfolio has been extended by a number of sensational divorce cases. Dmitriy's team specialises in headline-making and high-profile cases under public scrutiny. Over the time, the team worked out their own techniques for dealing with mass media and safeguarding our Clients' right to personal and family privacy.

Our lawyers and attorneys have developed and tested unique approaches at the confluence of psychology and law to resolving the most challenging marital and child custody disputes. Our team knows perfectly well that successful development of the Family Law practice to a large extent depends on the improvement of applicable laws and regulations. Therefore, Dmitriy Chumakov takes an active part in, and makes an invaluable contribution to, all the discussions concerning the improvement of Kazakhstan law on a regular basis.





- Rendering legal support to Kazakhstan citizens and foreigners entering into marriage
- Preparing a Client to divorce
- Providing comprehensive legal support through the entire divorce process, both in court and civil registration authorities
- Drafting marriage contracts and providing relevant legal support
- Representing and supporting Clients in connection with marital property settlements
- Advising on the issues related to child maintenance (alimony)
- Establishing the place of residence for underage children, the procedure for their communication with a separated parent and the procedure for their upbringing and support
- Establishing the procedure for exercise of parental rights
- Children adoption
- Representing Clients in custody and guardianship authorities with regard to child-rearing issues
- Representing VIP Clients in civil actions connected with divorce or division of property which grab or may grab headlines and public scrutiny
- Helping Clients to reach agreements about parenting arrangements
- Providing legal support in cases when custody is awarded to one parent
- Providing inheritance and estate administration legal services



## EXPERIENCE

- Provided support through divorce process and ensured marriage contract invalidation
- Provided legal support in the course of private proceedings between spouses dividing their property and claiming support for their children (alimony)
- Represented a Client in divorce action initiated by his spouse for appropriation of their marital property
- Provided support through the process of determination of the place of residence for underage children with their father
- Represented a VIP Client in civil actions connected with divorce and division of marital property which grabbed mass media and public scrutiny
- Negotiated with a Client's separated spouse who deprived her of the right to communicate with their children following the parents' separation
- Represented a foreign Client in connection with the enforcement of his right to communicate with his Kazakhstan-resident child outside the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Drafted a number of marriage contracts between Kazakhstan citizens and foreigners, and provided relevant legal support thereto
- Drafted an agreement on division of marital property in the course of divorce process
- Provided support through divorce process between a foreign man and a Kazakhstan woman
- Assisted a Client in reacting to the behaviour of his spouse threatening his health and life in retaliation for impending divorce
- Provided support through child adoption process
- Provided legal support in connection with the appointment of a guardian/custodian
- Represented a VIP Client in an inheritance dispute



## TEAM



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