**Press release**

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*First time promotion*

**After 10 years of contributing to the firm's development, Alina Stăvaru is promoted Partner at RTPR Allen & Overy**

**After 10 years of dedicated business activity and dozens of successful M&A projects, particularly Private Equity, complex corporate projects and Employment and Benefits, Alina Stăvaru receives official recognition being promoted Partner within RTPR Allen & Overy, joining by that the team of five partners: Costin Tărăcilă, Victor Pădurari, Alexandru Retevoescu, Mihai Ristici and Valentin Berea.**

"It's a first for us to make such a promotion coming from inside. Alina Stăvaru is one of the most gifted lawyers in the market, her important contribution to the development of the M&A and Employment and Benefits practices, the recognition in the local and international market have convinced us that she truly deserves this promotion. I congratulate Alina for this achievement! Yes, you can become a Partner in RTPR and yes, it depends directly on individual competence, customer recognition and contribution to the company's success", said **Costin Tărăcilă, Managing Partner RTPR Allen & Overy.**

"It’s a dream came true that makes me even more determined and ambitious. For me business law is not just a job, it is a real passion and I feel lucky to have the opportunity to practice it alongside the best professionals in the country and even from abroad, from which I learn every day. I am delighted to have contributed to the success of the M&A practice, as well as to the development of the employment and benefits law practice in which we have completed complex restructurings (including top management, stock option plans, transfer of business etc.). It is also a dream I worked for with proven results every year and increasingly complex challenges. So, it is possible! I thank my colleagues for their confidence and I wish we get as many achievements as possible together", said **Alina Stăvaru, the new partner at RTPR Allen & Overy.**

Alina Stăvaru graduated from the Faculty of Law within the University of Bucharest in 2004. For four years she worked for a British law firm and in 2009 she started working at RTPR Allen & Overy, going through all the hierarchical levels. Over the past five years, she has performed as a Counsel. Since 2017, she is Secretary of South Eastern Europe's Private Equity and Venture Capital Association.

Alina has been actively involved in **around 100 projects over the last 5 years**, including **31** signed and closed M&A deals in Romania (without taking into account the multi-jurisdictional transactions) and **22** Employment and Benefits projects. **The most successful** M&A projects are: the acquisition of **A&D Pharma** by Penta Investments (2018 transaction of the year on the merger and acquisition market), the purchase of Regina Maria by Mid Europa Partners from **Advent** (2015), the acquisition by **Allianz Capital Partners** of 30% of E.ON Distribution Romania (2016), **Facebook** acquisition of LiveRail group (2014) and **Profi** sale to **Enterprise Investors** (2009) and later to Mid Europa Partners (2016). Also, a large-scale project on the Employment area - a department that she has taken over and develops since 2016 - is **Electrica**, assisted by RTPR Allen & Overy team during one of the most complex restructuring projects in the country.

Alina Stăvaru's performance has also been recognised internationally. For example, since the beginning of the year she has received two important distinctions: "**Rising Star**" - IFLR1000 2019, ROMANIA, M&A and "**Next Generation Lawyer**" - LEGAL 500 2019, Romania, Commercial, Corporate and M&A.

**Note to the editors:**

1. *Allen & Overy is an international legal practice with approximately 5,500 staff, including some 550 partners, working in 44 major cities worldwide.*
2. *RTPR was incorporated in 2004 and has been working in association with Allen & Overy since 2008. RTPR Allen & Overy has a team of 45 lawyers, including 6 partners: Costin Tărăcilă, Victor Pădurari, Alexandru Retevoescu, Mihai Ristici, Valentin Berea and Alina Stăvaru and also Prof. Dr. Lucian Mihai, Of counsel.*
3. *In this press release, “Allen & Overy” means Allen & Overy LLP and/or its affiliated undertakings.*
4. *In this press release, “RTPR Allen & Overy” means Radu Tărăcilă Pădurari Retevoescu SCA in association with Allen & Overy LLP.*
5. *Allen & Overy has been operating in the CEE region since 1991, when its first office opened in Warsaw. Since then, it has expanded its operations to include Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, Bratislava and Moscow, all of which are renowned in the market for top quality legal advice combined with local commercial understanding, as well as for their integrity and their pro-active approach to matters. Additionally, Allen & Overy signed an exclusive association with the leading full-service Romanian law firm Radu Tărăcilă Pădurari Retevoescu SCA (RTPR), effective from July 2008, expanding the number of CEE offices in which we are able to provide local law advice to six.*

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