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GECIĆ LAW ADVISES ON CONTRACTUAL SETTLEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL HANDBALL



Gecić Law recently advised Viachaslau Saldatsenka, an international professional handball player, in a contractual and financial dispute with a prominent professional handball club in Serbia. The matter concerned outstanding payment claims under the player's contract. Our team supported Saldatsenka during constructive discussions with the club and helped the parties reach an amicable settlement through out-of-court negotiations.

Contractual disputes in professional handball

Payment obligations form a central part of professional sports contracts. When disagreements arise, they can affect athletes' financial security, career planning, and professional relationships. Clubs also benefit from clarity about their contractual commitments and a practical route to resolution. Both sides must consider the terms of their agreement, applicable sporting rules, and the realities of a demanding competition calendar.

Negotiation and sports dispute resolution

Negotiation can provide a focused alternative to litigation or arbitration. Through direct dialogue, parties can clarify their positions, explore workable solutions, and reduce the cost and uncertainty of a prolonged dispute. However, the most appropriate approach always depends on the contract, the available remedies, and the parties' willingness to engage. For international athletes, early attention to jurisdiction, applicable governing rules, and the precise wording of payment clauses can also shape the available options and the pace of negotiations.

In the Saldatsenka matter, Gecić Law pursued constructive engagement and a negotiated outcome that addressed the player's outstanding contractual payment claims. The agreement illustrates how targeted legal advice can help athletes address financial disputes without initiating formal proceedings. It also highlights the value of clear communication when parties seek a commercially sensible solution.

Gecić Law's Sports Law practice

Strahinja Banović and Marko Jović led the Gecić Law team. Our Sports Law practice advises athletes, clubs, federations, agents, and other sports industry stakeholders on player contracts, financial claims, dispute resolution, regulatory matters, and related commercial issues. We combine knowledge of the sporting environment with careful attention to each client's legal and commercial objectives.