

DGKV Gazette

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Happy birthday, DGKV!

Milestones are great, especially for businesses. It means you've achieved a goal and something's going right. DGKV is hitting a big milestone in 2019: 25 years of being a leader on the legal market in Bulgaria and helping businesses run their local operations.

Here are just a few reasons why we're so excited to reach this particular milestone



1. Our ever-growing client portfolio of over 3000 major multinational corporations is a fair attestation to the high quality of legal work that we provide; 3740 to be exact.
2. We advise on all aspects of business law. With 13 fully staffed practice groups, DGKV has the resources to address the most complicated and time-sensitive matters.
3. 54 passionate, hard-working lawyers and 26 non-legal staff that want to help businesses find the right way.

4. DGKV has been an undisputed market leader according reputable international legal directories. DGKV is top ranked by both Chambers and Partners (Band 1 position in 10 out of 11 researched areas) and Legal 500 (Tier 1 position in 9 out of 10 researched areas). We have made the list for the last two decades!
5. After starting the law firm, we've created a great work environment where everybody matters!
6. Yes, we're one of those companies that encourage alcohol in the office (at least during Happy Hour each Thursday).
7. As the world and economy are constantly changing and developing, so are we! DGKV is always testing new ways to help clients find the right legal solution that will take their business to the next level.
8. And we're always looking for the best and the brightest to join our team! <https://www.dgkv.com/index.php?p=Opn&lang=en>
9. It's hard to keep a business going, especially in tough economic times. DGKV successfully made it through the transition to democracy and the 2007 recession, and we're stronger than ever.
10. After 25 years of growth and success, we can't wait for what's in store for the next 25! Stay tuned for more coverage of DGKV's birthday celebrations!



25 things that happened 25 years ago

In honour of our 25th anniversary, we'd like to take you back to the 90s. So, take your popcorn and enjoy our journey, because we're celebrating 1994 the right way.

1. The internet got real in 1994, with the founding of both Yahoo and Amazon

Not only could you chat to strangers thousands of miles away, but buying books would never be the same again. White House launches Web page. Initial commerce sites are established and mass marketing campaigns are launched via email, introducing the term "spamming" to the Internet vocabulary



2. Quentin Tarantino's Pulp Fiction hit cinemas in September 1994, proving a massive box office hit



Just as successful was its now legendary soundtrack, made up of cult cuts of surf rock and an electrifying rendition of Neil Diamond's 'Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon' by Urge Overkill. By 1996, the soundtrack had sold more 2 million copies

3. As Chandler Bing would say, could the introduction of US sitcom Friends to TV screens be any more important?

The show captured the optimism and aspirations of twentysomething urbanites everywhere, changing the TV landscape forever



4. After three centuries of white rule, Nelson Mandela became South Africa's first black president on May 10, 1994

"Never, never again will this beautiful land experience the oppression of one by another," said Mandela upon his inauguration



5. Channel Tunnel is opened



Connecting Britain and Europe for the first time since the Ice Age, the iconic tunnel under the English Channel was inaugurated by Queen Elizabeth II and then-French President François Mitterrand. Also known as Chunnel, it connected Folkestone, England, with Coquelles, France, covering 31 miles (50 kilometers) in about 35 minutes

6. No legal case has quite shaken US culture like the trial of former professional football star and actor O. J. Simpson

He was arrested on two counts of murder after the June 1994 deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and a waiter, Ronald Lyle Goldman. In late 1995 Simpson was declared not guilty - but the controversy surrounding the case continued to echo for years after



7. Forrest Gump was released in 1994



The film turned Tom Hanks into one of the biggest names in the movies and making everyone else quote the "life is like a box of chocolates line" until you were ready to hit them over the head with a box of Milk Tray

8. The German car manufacturer BMW purchased Rover from British Aerospace



9. Winter Olympic Games were held in Lillehammer, Norway



Officially known as the XVII Olympic Winter Games, this was a winter multi-sport event celebrated from 12 to 27 February 1994

10. Justin Bieber was born

Justin Drew Bieber is a Canadian singer-songwriter and actor. He has sold an estimated 150 million records, making him one of the world's best-selling music artists



11. And last but not least, Reneta Indzhova served as Prime Minister of Bulgaria, the first, and so far, only, woman in Bulgaria to hold this office

12. Frank Darabont's 1994 adaptation of Stephen King's *The Shawshank Redemption* gave the '90s arguably its most enduring film

Starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, the tale of a banker wrongly incarcerated for murder struck a chord with moviegoers, winning multiple awards



13. The Playstation was launched at the tail end of 1994

It gave people an excuse to stay in on a Saturday night working on their repetitive strain injury



14. *The Lion King* hit cinema screens in 1994

With songs from Elton John, a hyena voiced by Whoopi Goldberg and the tear-jerking death of Mufasa, it was understandably one of the most successful Disney films of all-time. Hakuna matata, right?



15. The FDA approves the Flavr Savr tomato, the first genetically-engineered food product

Calgene won FDA approval for Flavr Savr on May 18, 1994. Three days later, Flavr Savr was introduced under the brand name MacGregor at a pair of grocery stores each of which sold more than 3,000 pounds of the GM tomatoes



16. IRA declares ceasefire in Northern Ireland

The Irish Republican Army has announced a ceasefire after a quarter of a century of what it called its "armed struggle" to get the British out of Northern Ireland that has led to the deaths of more than 3,000 people



17. Bulgaria forth at 15th edition of the FIFA World Cup

This victory was Bulgaria's greatest football achievement. Brazil lifted its fourth FIFA World Cup trophy by defeating Italy 3-2 on penalties



18. US sends forces to Persian Gulf

Operation Vigilant Warrior was a military operation from 8 October 1994 to 15 December 1994 by the United States in response to two divisions of Iraqi Republican Guard troops moving toward the Kuwaiti border



19. Schumacher won his first world Drivers' championship

German racer Michael Schumacher won the European Grand Prix to score his eighth title of the season. Then driving for Benetton Ford, he had won the first Drivers' championship of his career. He would go on to win six more championships – the most by any racer to date.



20. Microsoft released the version 4.2 of the Office Suite

21. Best Picture: Steven Spielberg's Schindler's List won Oscar for Best Picture

Spielberg himself won his first directing Oscar for the same movie



22. Sarajevo massacre



Since the collapse of the Berlin Wall, few events have qualified as watersheds in international affairs. Yet, one event does stand out - the explosion of a mortar shell on 5 February 1994 in Sarajevo. The bloody results provoked the first engagement of NATO in European hostilities since it was founded and the first involvement of US forces in combat in Europe since the beginning of the Cold War

23. The Nobel Peace Prize 1994 was awarded jointly to Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin "for their efforts to create peace in the Middle East"



24. It was a great year for music. Grammy Award winner for Record of the Year is Sheryl Crow's "All I Wanna Do"

25. Russians attack secessionist Republic of Chechnya

The First Battle of Grozny was the Russian Army's invasion and subsequent conquest of the Chechen capital, Grozny, during the early months of the First Chechen War. The attack lasted from December 1994 to March 1995, resulted in the military occupation of the city by the Russian Army and rallied most of the Chechen nation around the separatist government of Dzhokhar Dudayev