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I have extensive dispute resolution experience in a number of areas: commercial, corporate, real estate, bankruptcy, administrative offences, IPT disputes, customs and labour disputes. My experience includes preparing litigation strategies, claims assessments and procedural documents and participating in court hearings in courts of all instances as a lead lawyer.

Alongside litigation, I have experience in international arbitration as a team member. I am a practicing arbitrator of the Russian Arbitration Center, and I am included in the database of specialists in the field of corporate disputes. I am a Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) listed arbitration practitioner.

I also conduct due diligence and investigations and provide legal opinions on litigation and arbitration matters.

I am a qualified mediator.

SPECIALIZATION

- Domestic litigation
- International arbitration
- Bankruptcy
- Investigations
- Mediation

EXPERIENCE

- 2023–present: Legal Director, Denuo (Moscow) – Litigation and arbitration
- 2022: Senior Associate, Denuo (Moscow) – Litigation and arbitration
- 2009–22: Senior Associate, DLA Piper (Moscow) – Litigation and arbitration
- 2009: Deputy Head of Legal, Evraziyskiy Holding Company (Moscow)
- 2005–09: Associate, RosRazvitie (Moscow)

SELECTED PROJECTS

- One case as sole arbitrator under RAC Rules concerning rent payments in 2019 (my award was successfully enforced);
- Represented Gazprom in two arbitrations between Gazprom and Naftogaz (as a member of an international team) under SCC Rules, transit and sale of natural gas; the total amount of the cases was over USD 60 billion;

- Represented a Chinese metals company in arbitration under ICAC Rules, supply contract; the amount of the dispute was approx. USD 43 million;
- Represented a large South Korean technology equipment manufacturer and supplier in arbitration under ICAC Rules; the amount of the dispute was approx. USD 18.5 million;
- Represented a Russian citizen against a foreign company in arbitration under HKIAC Rules, dispute under an SPA; the amount of the dispute was approx. USD 2.5 million;
- Represented a German supplier of equipment in arbitration under ICAC Rules, supply contract; the amount of the dispute was approx. EUR 1.5 million;
- Represented a foreign insurer against a Russian company in arbitration under SCC Rules, insurance payment; the amount of the dispute is confidential;
- Represented Logitech Europe SA in enforcement procedures in Russia in connection with a multimillion-dollar foreign arbitral award issued in Switzerland;
- Represented CAE Inc. in Russian litigation related to a sale and purchase contract for a flight simulator valued at USD 1.8 million;
- Represented Ubiquiti Networks in an international fraud matter valued at USD 17.8 million, including civil and criminal proceedings;
- Represented Dooboo Holding Limited (Gett Group) in 12 corporate disputes relating to the acquisition of a regional taxi business and claims for damages, including Cypriot litigation related to the same subject matter, valued at approximately EUR 100 million.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL), Mediator course (2022)
- International Arbitration at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) (2021)
- Moscow Academy of Enterprise under the Moscow Government, Graduate with honours (2004)

Languages

- Russian
- English

Professional membership

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Association of Russian Lawyers
- Commission on Development of Arbitration and Other Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods of the Moscow branch of the Association of Russian Lawyers
- Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG)
- RAA40

Publications

- Russia increases court fees, 2024
- “Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business”, 2020
- A law on disputes with entities and individuals subject to sanctions or due to sanction issues has been adopted, 2020
- Vienna International Arbitral Centre starts functioning in Russia, 2019
- Institution of civil class action takes effect in Russia, 2019