

Litigation/Arbitration Lawyer

Accomplished and highly-analytical Registered Foreign Lawyer and Russian Advocate, awaiting qualification as the Solicitor of England and Wales by the end of 2021, with 5+ years of experience delivering comprehensive legislative support to clients and in-house legal departments by interpreting and executing laws to resolve conflicts in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Qualifications Summary

- Demonstrated success interpreting laws, rulings, and regulations, conducting legal research and gathering evidence, ensuring appropriate approvals of documents before execution, explaining laws, and delivering quality legal advice, while offering legal representation at arbitration hearings.
- Proven success managing overall stages of litigation and investigations, including establishing robust litigation strategies, conducting comprehensive research and analysis of legal issues, preparing and drafting procedural documents and representing clients before courts, enforcement authorities, and authorities.
- Solutions-focused lawyer recognized for directing paralegals and legal assistants as well as preparing pleadings, notices, and making appearances in court. Articulate communicator; highly skilled fostering robust collaborations with clients to ensure timely resolution of disputes.

Career Experience

Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, London, England
Registered Foreign Lawyer

2018 – 2021

Analyzed documents to identify legal risk as well as delivered quality guidance on acceptable assumption of risk, interpreting laws, as well as rulings and regulations for natural and juristic persons. Conducted legal research to gather evidence aimed at ensuring appropriate approvals of documents before submission. Maintained strict regulatory and statutory compliance as well as delivered novel solutions to resolve client problems. Facilitated clients by serving as legal representation to clients in court proceedings on civil and criminal matters. Delivered quality guidance and direction to paralegals and legal assistants regarding preparation of pleadings, notices, and making appearances in court. Strategically positioned a Global Litigation Coordinator for a high net worth individual regarding civil and criminal proceedings in BVI (High Court, Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal, and Privy Council), Cyprus, Russia, South America, and Switzerland. Defend claims by a Russian state-owned bank relating to US\$200M financing of a Russian natural resources and manufacturing business.

- Achieved successful outcome and highly favorable terms shortly before hearing on preliminary issues by defending Russian telecommunications company defendant in LCIA arbitration concerning US\$45M claims made by Russian real estate and construction business, under guarantees relating to obligations under lease agreements.
- Represented one of founders of OJSC National Bank Trust (Sergey Belyaev) and wife in defense of US\$830M, in 12-week English High Court trial of claims brought by bank's new owner against its former management, case featured in The Lawyer magazine's 'Top 20 Cases for 2017'.
- Signed Russia's leading mining and metals companies, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, and NYSE listed, involving potential dispute relating to challenging LCIA Award against client in amount of around USD\$9M.
- Collaborated with major Russian Law Firms to organise presentations for partner and associates of team at Saint Petersburg Legal Forum, Russian Arbitration Day, and multiple client seminars in London and Moscow.
- Connected firm to leading Russian law firms in area of dispute resolution: Egorov, Puginsky, Afansiev & Partners; Rustam Kurmaev & Partners; Rybalkin, Gortsunyan & Partners; Pen & Paper; BGP Litigation; Saveliev, Batanov & Partners; Nektorov, Saveliev & Partners; Korelskiy, Ishuk, Astafiev & Partners.
- Connected firm to in-house departments of the Deposits Insurance Agency of the Russian Federation; leading online payments system company; number of leading commercial and private banks; Russian state corporation specialising in nuclear energy.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, London, England
Visiting Foreign Lawyer (Intern)

2015 – 2017

Gathered relevant information of all caseloads and wrote various memoranda on energy disputes, commercial and investment arbitration, and conflict of laws. Played an anchored role in resolving disputes among parties in an efficient manner by devising and executing innovative strategies, coordinated with clients to learn about legal requirements/concerns and advised

accordingly. Delivered quality and cost-effective advice to clients, including explaining legal options as well as possible outcomes and threats. Developed and fostered productive relationships with clients and represented clients in legal proceedings.

- Utilized dispute resolution skills and knowledge to support Mr. Gary Born for resolving disputes of major mining company against an African state.
- Supported Gary Born (Managing Partner), Maxi Scherer (Council) and Steve Finizio (Partner) to ensure efficient management of various projects, publications, and arbitration cases.
- Represented established German Hotel Management Company in LCIA arbitration for a claim of worth £25M.
- Leveraged quality communication skills to negotiate and settle gas supply prices by managing caseload for major Oil And Gas Company in LCIA and ICC arbitrations.

Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, Moscow, Russia
Junior Associate (Dispute Resolution Practice)

2013 – 2015

Managed all stages of litigation and investigations, developed better understanding of case matter by attending court hearings and meetings. Delivered proactive support to develop and implement litigation strategy, conducted research and analysis of legal problems and issues, supported preparation and drafting of procedural documents, as well as represented clients before courts, enforcement authorities, and authorities. Delivered quality guidance to clients on a wide range of matters specifically on commercial litigation. Gained comprehensive knowledge of client's business, economic drivers, as well as market and sector requirements to ensure advice is relevant and commercial.

- Performed various routine tasks, including leading gainful negotiations, drafting corporate agreements, and settling construction dispute for major construction client.
- Utilized highly-analytical and problem solving skills to resolve dispute of major mining company with municipal administrative authority, which was preventing client from establishing deposit.
- Studied overall aspects of an ICC award issued against Russian company and provided gainful insights on challenging ICC award.
- Advised and recommended effective solutions to major Russian insurance company in LCIA dispute regarding violations of warranties and indemnities.
- Maintained legal documents and directed a Russian company on recognition and enforcement of DIS award.

Educational Background

SQE Preparation Course Graduate Diploma: Law (GDL)
BPP Law School, London, 2017

LLM: Comparative and International Dispute Resolution (Merit)
Dissertation: 'England as a Convenient Forum for Russia-Related Disputes'
Queen Mary, University of London, 2012

LLM (HONS): Dispute Resolution
Thesis: 'Sport Arbitration as a Type of Arbitration'
State University – The Higher School of Economics (SU-HSE), Moscow, 2011

Qualifications

Russian Advocate (current)
Moscow Region Bar; Partner at 'Rustam Kurmaev & Partners' Chambers, 2019

Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (current)
Award Writing Exam (Aug 2012) - Distinction; Peer Interview (May 2013) – Distinction; 10th FCI Arb from Russian Federation

Recognitions

- Speaker at the Russian Arbitration Day 2020.
- LCIA, CI Arb and RAA listed arbitrator.
- Listed as Top-10 young arbitration practitioners by Russian Arbitration Association in 2016.
- Organised the "London Legal Run" charity event for the "Gift of Life" charity foundation in 2015 – 2019.
- Graduated in the 'Top 3' within year group at State University: The Higher School of Economics.