

# YURI A. MAKHONIN

## SUMMARY

Represented foreign and local clients in more than 400 cases in state arbitrazh and general jurisdiction courts and several cases in international arbitration tribunals focusing particularly on commercial, real estate, construction and corporate disputes, bankruptcy, debt recovery and administrative disputes and was recommended/noted for Dispute Resolution in Russia by editions of *The Legal 500 EMEA* (2012-2013, 2015-2020), *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Europe* (2016-2019).

Was named one of top ten young arbitration practitioners by the Russian Arbitration Association at its RAA40 Awards 2015-2017, named as a "Next Generation Lawyer" for Litigation by *The Legal 500 EMEA* (2017-2019) and included in the list of recommended lawyers for litigation by *Best Lawyers, Russia* (2018-2020).

The Legal 500 EMEA describes Yuri Makhonin as a "rising star in the Russian market", a "top-notch litigator, who commands great respect in court", "a diligent, fierce litigator who is absolutely fantastic in court", a "superb litigator", an "unflappable", "go-to lawyer with great commercial acumen and a pragmatic approach", "very knowledgeable, committed and commercially driven", "smart, responsible, and hard-fighting", "an excellent trial lawyer. He is very impressive in court, creative, hardworking and thoughtful" and recognized for "top legal intellect with an ability to translate his expertise into practical and commercial advice." Yuri is "a brilliant counsel for complex international arbitration."



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Citizenship, residence: Russia, Moscow

Date of birth: 4 August 1983

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

2000-2006 Moscow State Linguistic University named after M. Torez, Faculty of law, Specialist degree in law (magna cum laude)

## LANGUAGES

Russian (native), English (fluent)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Nov. 2019 – present **RYBALKIN, GORTSUNYAN & PARTNERS** – Counsel  
Sept. 2009 – Oct. 2019 **DECHERT** – Associate; promoted to Senior Associate in April 2012  
Nov. 2007 – Sept. 2009 **SALANS** (now DENTONS) – Associate  
May 2007 – Nov. 2007 **NOERR** (previously NÖRR STIEFENHOFER LUTZ) – Associate  
July 2006 – April 2007 **GRANT THORNTON** – Associate  
June 2003 – June 2006 **LAW FIRM "YUSTINA"** – Paralegal; promoted to Associate in February 2004

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- On the lists of recommended arbitrators of the Russian International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (the ICAC), the Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration and at International and Investment Disputes Panel of the Arbitration Centre at the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs;
- Member of the Russian national committee of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR;
- Committee member of Moscow Commercial Litigators' Forum;
- Member of the Russian bar (advocate).

## **ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE**

First appointed as arbitrator in 2011

Total number of cases as arbitrator:13 (as co-arbitrator – 9, sole arbitrator – 1 and chairman – 3) (all under ICAC rules and the rules of the Russian Arbitration Center at the Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration)

Acted as counsel in dozens of cases, which were resolved under ICC, LCIA, SCC, AAA and ICAC rules

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in Russia and the former Soviet states (co-author of the section on cancellation of arbitral awards outside of the country for the seat of arbitration) – Russian Arbitration Association, 2019.
- A structured guide about recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in Russia (Lexology Navigator 2017–2019). Co-authors: A. Lazarev, M. Batalova.
- “Review of Changes in Laws on Security, Assignment and Transfer of Debt” (article on Zakon.ru, 17 February 2014). Co-author: A. Lazarev
- Summary of key changes to the Russian Civil Code (Article on Lexology, 25 September 2013).
- Significant changes to summary proceedings in Russian arbitrazh (commercial) courts adopted (Article on Lexology, 24 September 2012). Co-author: Batalova M.
- Where are my rights? (Article in Marie Claire, June 2012). Co-author: A. Lazarev
- Mediation framework adopted in Russia (Article on Lexology, 13 June 2012). Co-author: A. Lazarev.
- Russian courts on whether corporate disputes may be subject to arbitration (Article on Lexology, 17 May 2012). Co-author: A. Lazarev.
- Dechert wins crucial case on the enforcement of bondholders’ rights against guarantors (Article on Lexology, 1 October 2010). Co-author: A. Lazarev.
- Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards and foreign court judgments on economic disputes within the Russian Federation – Korporativniy Yurist, No. 7-8, 2008. Co-author: O. Peters.