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COVERING ALL THE MAJOR AREAS OF BUSINESS LAW.
SUCCESSFUL LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.
ADVISING COMPANIES ON THEIR STRATEGIC DECISIONS AND OPERATIONAL CHOICES.

LITIGATION & MEDIATION

Our litigators handle complex disputes in Russian arbitration courts, common courts, Supreme Court and Constitutional Court of Russia.

TAX & CORPORATE LAW

Our advisors provide help on all elements involved in complex restructurings, M&A transactions, insolvency matters, tax controversies and dispute resolution.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Our law firm offers an integrated approach to IP rights protection and a full range of trademark related services.

CUSTOMS LAW

We have extensive experience in dealing with customs authorities at all levels offering professional protection of importers' rights.

LITIGATION & MEDIATION

MAXIM SOSOV | SENIOR PARTNER

Maxim Sosov is a prominent Russian advisor and litigator selected for inclusion in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Editions of the Best Lawyers in Russia for his work in litigation [bestlawyers.com](https://www.bestlawyers.com) and named among the highest-ranking IP lawyers by [whoswholegal.com](https://www.whoswholegal.com) two years in a row, in 2020 and 2021. He is the author of doctoral dissertation (PhD in Law) on *Crimes threatening fiscal interests of the State*.

Maxim has an impressive track record spanning two decades with more than 300 court trials and appeals per year across a spectrum of civil and commercial litigation disputes. Below is a selection of representative cases brought by Maxim to courts of supreme instances which is a rarity for the Russian judicial system. Having said this, he finds pride in solving problems and overcoming challenges though mediation, unmistakably his trademark service.

2020 & 2021 TRADEMARKS



2020, 2021, 2022 LITIGATION

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MAY 2011

Presidium of the Supreme Arbitration Court of Russia, Case # A41-39651/09 on parallel import of EVIAN mineral water

JANUARY 2011

Presidium of the Supreme Arbitration Court of Russia, Case # A08-8099/2009 on the former Soviet Union trademark «Alyonka»

DECEMBER 2012

Presidium of the Supreme Arbitration Court of Russia, Case # A40-74258/11 on royalties payable to Muse rock band

SEPTEMBER 2013

Presidium of the Supreme Arbitration Court of Russia, Case # A41-7649/2012 on interrelation of legal services and lawyer's obligation to keep track of changes in applicable legislation

OCTOBER 2013

Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, Case # AKPI13-819 on invalidation of a regulation issued by the Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation

DECEMBER 2013

Presidium of the Supreme Arbitration Court of Russia, Case # A41-47291/2012 on jurisdiction of regional courts of cassation and Intellectual Property Court

FEBRUARY 2014

Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, Case # VAS-19853/13 on invalidation of a regulation issued by the Federal Customs Agency

NOVEMBER 2015

Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, Case # AKPI15-693 on invalidation of a regulation issued by the Federal Customs Agency

SEPTEMBER 2016

Judicial panel for commercial affairs of the Supreme Court of Russia, Case # A40-26059/15-121-201 on jurisdiction of regional courts of cassation and Intellectual Property Court over disputes on recovery legal costs [VOLKSWAGEN]

APRIL 2016

Judicial panel for civil affairs of the Supreme Court of Russia, Case # 3-812/2015 on recognition of a strike as unlawful

NOVEMBER 2016

Judicial panel for commercial affairs of the Supreme Court of Russia, Case # № A51-7878/2015 on recovery of loses by the Russian Federation

OCTOBER 2017

Judicial panel for commercial affairs of the Supreme Court of Russia, Case # № A35-9790/2016 on jurisdiction of regional courts of cassation and Intellectual Property Court over disputes on implementation of enforcement measures [KIA]

MAY 2018

Judicial panel for civil affairs of the Supreme Court of Russia, Case # A41-72633/2015 on parallel import [TOYOTA]

OCTOBER 2017

Court of the Eurasian Economic Union, Case on invalidation of the resolution passed by the Panel of the Eurasian Economic Commission

SEPTEMBER 2019

Supreme Court of Russia, Case # AKPI19-519 on invalidation of a regulation passed by the Government of the Russian Federation

DECEMBER 2017

Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, Case on parallel import of SONY products filed by PAG LTD.

MARCH 2021

Supreme Court of Russia, Case # AKPI20-993 on invalidation of an Order passed by the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation

TAX LAW

Protection from possible reputational and financial risks associated with claims of tax authorities.
Advice on all elements involved in complex restructurings, M&As, insolvencies.

Our approach to assessing tax implications and providing protection is different from common approaches utilized by other advisors. We base our conclusions on deep knowledge of up-to-date court practice and tax authorities' latest views on tax administration.

Because Russian courts tend to render decisions in favor of the state authorities, we try to have tax disputes resolved before the case is filed with courts. Instead of leaving the burden of proof with tax authorities, our lawyers prefer proactive defense engaging the services of IT specialists and private detectives. This approach has proven to be very successful and served to achieve out of court settlements many times. When we take up a court case, we can go as far as the Supreme Court of Russia and the Constitutional Court of Russia to dispute norms and regulations that served as the ground for unfavorable court decisions.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

We provide business and legal counsel on all aspects of IP rights, from helping to identify practical solutions to litigation with individuals, companies and state authorities. We can help you with your (a) exclusive rights to trademarks, service marks, brand names, commercial marks, etc., (b) author's and adjacent rights, (c) patents, (d) rights to use intellectual results generated by a third party. We offer protection to businesses and individuals against IP right owners where excessive protection of IP rights can cause adverse impact on further development of technical and artistic progress.

CUSTOMS LAW

We assist our clients in a variety of matters relating to customs law, including but not limited to the following: legal advice and protection of interests in disputes with customs authorities; classification and customs value correction; complaints on action/inaction of customs authorities at the time of goods' clearance; return of funds paid as security; review of business documents to minimize the risk of unfavorable consequences with customs authorities.



CORPORATE LAW

Our team is able to seamlessly combine all elements involved in complex restructurings, including M&A transactions, insolvency matters, interim management advice and crisis solutions. We work in other practice areas such as employment and tax law.

We provide business solutions and legal assistance, including application to Federal Antimonopoly Agency, helping our clients to exercise their right to fair competition.

CAPITAL MARKETS

We are representing clients in connection with raising and providing finance resources for business development, financing investment projects. Comprehensive advice to issuers and underwriters on fund raising transactions.

OUR TEAM

WE OFFER PROTECTION OF INTERESTS THROUGH GOOD-FAITH REASONING AND NEGOTIATIONS, LITIGATION, DEALING WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES (E.G. ANTIMONOPOLY AGENCY, PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICES, ETC.) USING LITERALLY ANY AND ALL TOOLS AND REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A LAWYER.

Maxim Sosov

Background: MGIMO

(Moscow State Institute of International Relations), Master's Degree in Economics. MGU (Lomonosov Moscow State University), Master of Laws.

Expertise: Litigation | IP | Business | Insolvency | Crisis Management.



Anton Astashkin

Background: Moscow

University at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Master's Degree in Criminal Investigations, Counter-Intelligence.

Expertise: Tax and Corporate Law | Banking | Exchange Control | M&As.



OUR TEAM

WE PROVIDE BESPOKE SOLUTIONS TO ANY PROBLEM A LOCAL OR FOREIGN COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL MIGHT BE FACED WITH WHILE DOING BUSINESS IN RUSSIA.



Dmitriy Ugrumov

Background: Russian

Academy of Economics named after PLEKHANOV. Master's Degree in Economics. Academy of Labor & Social Relations. Master of Laws.

Expertise: Litigation | Administrative Law | Customs Law | Business | Labor Law.



Denis Ivanov

Background: Moscow State

Academy of Law. Master of Laws.

Expertise: Litigation | Law Enforcement | Family Law | Real Estate Law.



Alexander Shmuratov

Background: Russian New

University. 10+ years of service in the Russian judicial system, including IP Court of Russia.

Expertise: Copyrights | Patents | Protection of IP rights | Antimonopoly Law.

OUR LOCATION

OUR OFFICE IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY CAR OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM LITERALLY ANY PART OF MOSCOW, ESPECIALLY THE CITY CENTER; LOCATED JUST NEXT TO ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT MOSCOW CITY LANDMARKS - LUZHNIKI STADIUM, ENJOYING A SECURED ENTRY TO THE SITE DURING WORKING HOURS WITH PLENTY OF PARKING SPACE.

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