

## LITIGATION INVOLVING FAS RUSSIA: SPECIFICS OF CARTEL DISPUTES

**VEGAS LEX experts have discussed procedural specifics of supporting cartel damage disputes at a Pravo.ru conference on judicial practice in 2016 and important 2017 trends.**

On February 17, 2017, the VEGAS LEX law firm led the opening session at *Litigation 2016: Results, Trends and Cases*, a conference organized by the information portal Pravo.ru.

Managing Partner [Alexander Sitnikov](#) moderated the session, *Disputes with State Authorities: Current Judicial Practice Involving FAS Russia*. He began with a brief review of last year's disputes and changes in the legislation, calling attention to the disputes where the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS Russia) was involved, and the current situation with the cartels. **Larisa Vovkivskaya**, Deputy Head of the FAS Legal Department, contributed a detailed analysis of the key cases in 2016 where the antimonopoly authority was involved.

Head of Litigation practice [Victor Petrov](#) and Commercial group associate **Ksenia Podguzova** spoke about procedural specifics of supporting cartel damage disputes, such as what needs to be proved in such cases; which factors indicate there was collusion between the parties; how the antimonopoly authority can actually prove there is a cartel; and how market players can protect themselves from such allegations. Experts cited judicial acts and decisions of regional FAS offices in such cases.

The participants discussed, inter alia, the current judicial practice involving the Federal Tax Service and looked at several precedent arbitration disputes and bankruptcy cases.

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