

## Press Release

### **BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER (RUSSIA) AGAIN RANKED BY GCR 100 AS AN ELITE COMPETITION LAW FIRM**

**Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP, formerly Goltsblat BLP in Russia**, once again joins the **Global Competition Review 100 2020 (GCR 100)** Elite Group of law firms in competition law. The firm's Partner and Head of Antitrust & Competition **Nikolay Voznesenskiy** and Partner **Vitaly Dianov** are mentioned among the leading experts in their field.

**GCR 100** notes that, *'though smaller than some of its rivals, the [Moscow office] team continues to be involved in major competition matters. The group often works closely with **Andrew Hockley**, Partner, who heads the firm's global antitrust and competition practice. The client list includes international and national companies such as **Mars, Federal Freight, John Deere** and others.'*

Among all the team's high-profile mandates in 2019, **GCR 100** singles out the following cases:

- *The firm counselled **Federal Freight**, which the FAS found guilty of abusing its dominant position by setting excessively high prices. The team successfully challenged the enforcer's decision on appeal, although that process remains ongoing.*
- *The team is willing to go toe-to-toe with the FAS, as it counsels the **NOVATEK** group in three linked court cases challenging the enforcer's decisions. It was able to show in court that the client was not dominant and thus did not act anticompetitively in the wholesale gas supply market.*
- *After a dawn raid of **Moscow-Cargo**, the firm convinced the FAS that the company did not enter into an anticompetitive agreement with Russian airline Aeroflot to preclude other cargo operators from conducting business at Sheremetyevo International Airport.*
- *On the compliance front, the firm performed competition benchmarking for **Dr Reddy's Laboratories Russia**, including a review of the drug maker's policies and procedures.*

**Nikolay Voznesenskiy** and **Vitaly Dianov** are among just a few **GCR 100** lawyers also ranked by **Who's Who Legal – Competition** and **Who's Who Legal – Competition: Future Leaders 2020**.

The Antitrust & Competition Practice of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP is one of the strongest and biggest in Russia, with over 15 years' antitrust experience. Furthermore, we are one of the few law firms in the country with a dedicated competition practice focusing on antitrust audits and litigations against the competition authorities.

According to topline international and Russian legal rankings and directories, **Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP** is a recognised antitrust law services leader:

- Year after year, the team maintains top positions (Tier / Band 1) according to **Chambers Europe, The Legal 500** and **Pravo.ru**
- Law Firm of the Year for Competition/Antitrust Law in Russia by **Best Lawyers Awards 2018** and **2020**. The rating also specifically recommends both Partners (**Nikolay Voznesenskiy** and **Vitaly Dianov**) and two Counsels (**Alexander Muravin** and **Andrey Neminuschiy**) of the firm's dedicated team. **Vitaly Dianov** is also recognised as Lawyer of the Year in Competition / Antitrust Law by **Best Lawyers 2020**
- Head of Practice and Partner **Nikolay Voznesenskiy** has been ranked in **Chambers Europe** Band 1 for four years running and Partner **Vitaly Dianov** is mentioned among the leading lawyers (Band 3) by **Chambers Europe 2019**. Both Partners have also been recommended by **The Legal 500 2019** and **Pravo.ru-300** (Tier 1)

**For more information, please contact:**

Ksenia Soboleva

Tel.: +7 495 287 44 44

Head of PR & Communications

Mob.: +7 965 125 03 73

[ksenia.soboleva@bclplaw.com](mailto:ksenia.soboleva@bclplaw.com)

**About Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP**

**Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP** law firm was formed in 2018 as a result of one of the biggest transatlantic mergers in the history of the legal business: the merger between the leading international law firms Bryan Cave LLP (U.S.) and Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP (UK), including its Russian practice Goltsblat BLP. Today Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP is one of the biggest global law firms (among the top 50), uniting more than 1,400 lawyers in 31 offices in 11 countries. Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP provides comprehensive legal support for any largescale deals, projects and disputes in any jurisdiction, whenever and wherever clients might need it. Strong global practices and fully-integrated international teams in M&A, real estate, financial services and dispute resolution. The firm represents 40% of the Fortune 500, 30 of the world's top 50 banks (by revenue) and 12 of the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds.

**About Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner Russia**

The Russian practice of **Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (formerly Goltsblat BLP in Russia)** is a well-established, stable team, one of the biggest on the Russian market; built up over more than 20 years, it is a recognised leader in Russia. The history of the BCLP Russian office includes the merger, in 2009, between one of the biggest teams on the Russian market, led by Andrey Goltsblat, and the leading UK law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP). The Moscow office has more than 100 lawyers qualified under Russian, English and US law (State of New York). Five times winner of Law Firm of the Year in Russia since 2009, including Chambers Europe Awards 2010, 2014 and 2015; The Legal Business Awards (The Legal 500) 2010; The Lawyer European Awards 2014. Leading positions and profound Russian law expertise with the absolute majority of the practices in Russia recognised as market leaders / top-ranked by leading national and international rankings (The Legal 500, Chambers&Partners, Best Lawyers, Mergermarket, Pravo.ru-300, etc.). [www.bclplaw.ru](http://www.bclplaw.ru)