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Roman Bevzenko has become a partner at Pepeliaev Group

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Roman Bevzenko, former head of the Directorate for Private Law of the Russian Supreme Commercial ('Arbitration') Court, has joined Pepeliaev Group as a partner in the firm. He will handle special projects within the Dispute Resolution and Mediation Practice.

Mr Bevzenko began his career practising law in 1997. Before joining Pepeliaev Group, Roman worked for six years in the Russian Supreme Commercial ('Arbitration') Court (the "SCC"), analysing and summarising judicial practice in private law.

Roman was intimately involved in drafting and discussing the key clarifications of the SCC in civil law matters between 2008 and 2014. He was personally responsible for drafting several of the most significant resolutions of the Plenum of the SCC and information letters of the Presidium of the SCC in the following areas: security for obligations (about pledges, guarantees and bank guarantees); real estate law (about the sale and purchase of future real estate, and about investment contracts); and the law of obligations (about freedom of contract, leases, disputes under loan agreements, the discontinuation of obligations, and the termination of contracts).

Since 2008, Mr Bevzenko has been a member of the working group drafting the Concept for Modernising Civil Legislation as well as the new version of the Russian Civil Code. He has worked successfully in the sub-group devoted to the general provisions of the Civil Code, proprietary rights, and financial transactions and securities.

In addition, he has an enthusiastic commitment to teaching. Since 2008, Mr Bevzenko has worked as an assistant professor at the Higher School of Economics, being a full professor at the Russian School of Private Law since 2012; until 2008, he worked as an assistant professor in the civil law department of Samara State University of Economics.

Roman has more than 70 academic publications to his name, including seven monographs, on private law problems. These have been devoted to real estate law, pledges and mortgages, offset of liabilities, guarantees and so on.

"Of course, the abolition of the Supreme Commercial Court has sparked concerns about the future of our judicial system, but there is a silver lining to this for our firm: we are welcoming as a new partner one of that Court's brightest stars," said Sergey Pepeliaev, managing partner of Pepeliaev Group. "It is beyond doubt that our latest recruit has made Pepeliaev Group's team even more formidable. I wish Roman every success in our company: ahead of him lie many exciting projects and ambitious objectives."

"I am delighted that Pepeliaev Group's offer has given me this excellent opportunity to resume legal practice after my career in the Supreme Commercial Court," Mr Bevzenko commented on his move. "It will be fascinating for me to apply to the cut and thrust of specific legal cases the knowledge and skills that I gained while heading the analytical department of the Russian Supreme Commercial Court."

Pepeliaev Group is a leader on the legal services market and has an exceptional reputation within the legal profession. By joining this team of outstanding lawyers, I hope that I will contribute towards the firm achieving even greater success in the legal sector."

PEPELIAEV GROUP is a leading Russian law firm offering the full range of legal services in all regions of Russia, some former Soviet states, and abroad. Over 160 lawyers in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Krasnoyarsk, as well as in Vladivostok and Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (within the alliance with Russin&Vecchi), provide legal assistance to over 1,500 companies operating in various industries. The Dispute Resolution and Mediation Practice has earned the reputation of a highly professional and reliable business partner. Pepeliaev Group's lawyers represent clients in various commercial disputes, including those where the financial stakes create a high degree of risk. The practice has gained significant success: it and its lawyers have been recommended for providing support on projects in Russia by leading international and Russian awards including Chambers and Partners, Legal500, Pravo.Ru and other sources.

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