

Press release

## Dentons creates Legal Innovations Laboratory

*October 4, 2018* - Global law firm Dentons has launched the Russia Legal Innovations Laboratory (the Lab), a unique initiative which aims to develop and implement innovative technologies in the legal sector.

The Lab will focus primarily on:

- Developing and implementing innovative legal and administrative automation solutions
- Cooperating with prospective Russian legal tech startups
- Adapting foreign technology solutions for the Russian market
- Providing consulting services in applying new technologies
- Creating innovative legal services and products

“We follow a systems approach to resolving any tasks. This is why the creation of a legal tech competencies center in Russia is the logical result of our previous work in this area. The Lab will unite the experience of our lawyers in supporting innovation projects, including structuring business processes, automating management of intangible assets and financial modeling of legal risks, with the best technical solutions in automating legal work. This will create a new dimension for developing legal practice in the future,” says **Victor Naumov**, head of Russia IP, IT and Telecommunications practice, which is home to the Lab.

Counsel **Andrey Neznamov**, who will head the Dentons Russia Legal Innovations Laboratory, commented on the creation of the Lab: “Over the last two years, our team has handled a number of projects to automate legal functions. We are already testing and implementing solutions to automate legal work in our offices thanks to high quality technical training and active cooperation with Russian developers. Dentons has a number of serious advantages in this area, including our scale, industry coverage, the high qualifications of our lawyers, and our experience cooperating with the largest companies in Russia and the world. We have the unique opportunity to develop high quality legal tech solutions in the Lab, with the goal of then applying them in Russia and around the world.”

Dentons is a leader in digital transformation regulation and a leading legal adviser on introducing new technologies in business. The firm is active in advising on knowledge management, artificial intelligence, Big Data, the Internet of Things, driverless vehicles, information security, Fin Tech, 3D printing, fashion tech and cybersports (computer games). In 2017, Dentons lawyers developed the draft of the first international robotics act in the world - the Model Convention on Robotics and Artificial Intelligence – building on the work they had done for Grishin Robotics in 2016, to develop the first robotics draft law in Russia. That same year, Dentons also created the first concept for regulation of the Internet of Things in Russia. Dentons is the most active law firm in the working groups to implement the “Digital Economy of the Russian Federation” state program.

In May 2015, Dentons created NextLaw Labs, a global business accelerator focused on investing in, developing and deploying new technologies to transform the practice of law. Thanks to NextLaw Labs and the Dentons Russia Legal Innovations Lab, Dentons is one of the world’s most advanced law firms in using information technologies in legal services.

### About Dentons

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\* *The American Lawyer* 2017 – Ranking of 100 international law firms by number of lawyers (Global 100).