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## Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners is the National Leader of Best Lawyers 2017

On June 20, 2017 Russia's leading business publication Kommersant published the results of the annual international ranking Best Lawyers 2017. According to the guide, Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners is the leader among Russian law firms by the number of lawyers recommended for various practice areas. Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners also became the only Russian law firm among the top-10 law firms by the number of lawyers recommended. **Ilya Nikiforov**, the Firm's managing partner, has been recommended more than any other lawyer: 13 times for various areas of his expertise. In addition, its Chairman **Dimitry Afanasiev** gained personal recommendations in 6 categories, including litigation, antitrust and corporate law, international arbitration, investment, mergers and acquisitions.

This year, Best Lawyers recommends 41 lawyers of Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners, both in Moscow and St Petersburg; this is the best result among Russian law firms. All in all, the Firm's lawyers have won 102 recommendations for various practice areas, making the firm an absolute leader among the national market players. In addition, three of the Firm's lawyers have been named Lawyer of the Year for **Bankruptcy and Reorganization** (Partner **Sergey Kovalev**), **Investment** (Senior Associate **Sergey Strembelev**) and **Aviation** (Partner **Andrey Porfiriev**). In addition, the Firm was twice awarded the Law Firm of the Year in its key practice areas – Competition and Dispute Resolution.

In **Antitrust law**, where Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners has been awarded as the best legal advisor of the year, Best Lawyers recommends 9 of the Firm's lawyers: Head of Practice **Natalia Korosteleva**, Partner **Anna Numerova**, Counsels **Evgeny Bolshakov**, **Maria Kobanenko** and **Elena Agaeva**, as well as Senior Associate **Alexey Rodionov**.

The Firm's lawyers gained 24 recommendations for **International Arbitration**, **Arbitration** and **Mediation**, and **Litigation**. The directory ranks Partners **Evgeny Raschevsky**, **Dmitry Dyakin** and **Dmitry Stepanov**. Counsel **Ilya Tur** has been recommended in **International Arbitration** and **Dispute Resolution**. Managing partner **Ilya Nikiforov**, this year's leader by the number of recommendations, has been recommended for the three above categories. The directory also recommends partners **Sergey Kovalev** (for Arbitration and Mediation), **Robin Wittering** (for International Arbitration), **Denis Arkhipov**, **Valery Eremenko** and the St Petersburg office Managing Partner **Ivan Smirnov** (for Litigation). Senior Associates **Alexey Rodionov** and **Alexey Ryzhkin**, as well as Counsel **Igor Serebryakov** have also been highly recommended for Litigation.

5 lawyers of the Firm have been recommended for Bankruptcy and Reorganization, including Partners **Sergey Kovalev**, **Arkady Krasnikhin** and **Ivan Smirnov**, Counsels **Ilya Tur** and **Vladimir Pestrikov**. **Sergey Kovalev** has also been awarded the Lawyer of the Year in this category.

For **Corporate law and M&A**, Best Lawyers has recommended partners **Dmitry Stepanov**, **Natalia Korosteleva**, **Arkady Krasnikhin**, **Dmitry Glazounov** and **Robin Wittering**. In St Petersburg, the directory praises **Ilya Nikiforov**, **Elena Agaeva** and Associate **Anna Kukli**. **Dmitry Stepanov** is one of only a few experts on the market to be recommended for **Corporate Governance**.

For **Banking and Finance**, the guide gives a top ranking for partner **Dmitry Glazounov**, Counsel **Roman Malovitsky** and Head of Tax Practice **Sergey Kalinin**.

Partners **Yury Savvin** and **Elena Gavrilina** as well as Senior Associates **Anton Alekseev** and **Sergey Ustalov**

are listed among prominent experts for **Real Estate, Construction and Land Law**. In St Petersburg, the directory acknowledges **Ilya Nikiforov**, Head of Construction and PPP **Olga Mischenko** and Senior Associate **Sergey Strembelev**.

Deputy Head of Environment and Technical Regulation Practice **Anastasiya Boytsova** has been ranked in the **Environmental Law** category.

Best Lawyers highlights the Firm's Partners **Stanislav Puginsky** and **Taras Rabko** for **Government Relations**. Partner **Anna Numerova** is the only lawyer in Russia recommended for **Public Policy** category.

**Ilya Nikiforov** has been recommended for **Project Finance and Development**.

Best Lawyers also recommends partners **Dmitry Dyakin**, **Ilya Nikiforov**, and **Arkady Krasnikhin**, Counsel **Roman Malovitsky** and **Sergey Strembelev** for **investment**. The latter has been additionally awarded Lawyer of the Year in this category.

The guide top ranks Partners **Victoria Burkovskaya** and **Ilya Nikiforov** for **Criminal Law**.

Counsel **Igor Schikow** has been recommended for **tax**.

For **Intellectual Property**, Best Lawyers lists Head of the Practice **Pavel Sadovsky**, Partners **Denis Arkhipov** and **Ilya Nikiforov**. In addition, Best Lawyers recommends **Pavel Sadovsky** and **Denis Arkhipov** for **Telecommunications and Media**, just as Counsel **Alina Kudriavtseva**. For **IT**, the guide also recommends **Ilya Nikiforov** and **Pavel Sadovsky**, who has also been listed among the leading experts in **Entertainment Law**.

Head of **Employment Law** **Anna Ivanova** (also marked out for **Migration Law** category), as well as **Ilya Nikiforov** and **Anna Kukli** have been ranked the leading **Employment** lawyers.

**Ivan Smirnov** and Senior Associate **Vladimir Talanov** have been recommended for **Trade Law**.

Partner **Andrey Porfiriev** has been ranked for **Aviation law** awarded as Lawyer of the Year in the category.

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## About the Firm

Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners is the leading national law firm in the CIS with offices in Moscow, St Petersburg, Kyiv, Minsk and associated offices in London and Washington, D.C. Founded in 1993, the firm combines extensive emerging markets experience with international professional standards. It provides the full spectrum of legal services to national and international businesses, government agencies, international organisations and financial institutions all over the CIS.

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