

Press Release

BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER HOLDS 'DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY IN LAW: A 360° REVIEW' ONLINE MARATHON

In June, **Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, formerly Goltsblat BLP in Russia**, supported by *The Russian Business Guide* of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and *Legal Insight*, held an online marathon Digitalisation and Technology in Law: a 360° Review.

During the five-hour webinar, ten BCLP lawyers representing various practices shared their unique practical experience and spoke on aspects of applying technology in different areas of law.

Opening the online marathon, **Elena Trusova**, Partner, Dispute Resolution / IP, emphasised the important role technology has to play in both our everyday life and the legal profession: *"Science fiction films from our childhood, with all those punch cards and pneumatic tubes on spaceships, now make us laugh. We take for granted the unprecedented speed of miraculously simple information exchange. With more and more new solutions, gadgets and devices appearing, new technologies are emerging and evolving so fast that they outstrip the law. Face and voice recognition, AI and predictive analytics technology have long since been established in global practice; in Russia, as elsewhere in the world, business is becoming increasingly digitalised, with lawyers having to meet the challenge of adapting to the new reality in order to succeed."*

Elena Trusova and **Marina Ivanova**, Senior Associate, Dispute Resolution, spoke on using e-evidence in courts, gave practical examples and shared BCLP experience.

Evgeny Oreshin, Counsel, Dispute Resolution, discussed the pros and cons of online justice services and described how BCLP lawyers take part in online hearings.

Elena Trusova and **Anton Nefedev**, Counsel, Head of IP in Technology, looked at use of technology in IT and other sectors, analysed the risks and potential of the digital age, and identified existing grey areas.

Ekaterina Dedova, Corporate / M&A Partner and Head of TMT, took stock of her unique experience in supporting venture deals, focusing on the specifics of start-up investment.

James Grice, Co-leader of the Global Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure Team, Kansas City, reviewed global practice and offered his opinion of development trends in the digital infrastructure and data centre sector.

Dmitry Kirillov, Senior Associate, Tax Consulting / Tax Litigation, spoke on taxation in the digital age, with an emphasis on digital business taxation, cross-border exchange of tax information, remote fiscal control during the lockdown, and on how innovative financial instruments are to fit into the fiscal environment.

Approaches to antitrust regulation of digital markets were covered by **Alexander Muravin**, Counsel, Antitrust and Competition, who highlighted key cases and the latest initiatives in antitrust regulation of digital platforms in Russia and beyond.

Pressing challenges of payment service development were addressed by **Vladislav Vdovin**, Head of Commercial.

Yuri Ivanov, Counsel, Employment, Pensions and Benefits, wrapped up the webinar by offering practical recommendations for introducing e-document management in labour relations and using e-documents in court.

This dynamic and energetic online marathon provided speakers with an opportunity to look at many topical issues and respond to questions and comments from the audience of businessmen, heads of legal departments, and lawyers from leading Russian and foreign law firms. With more than 400 participants connected to the webinar, we received a lot of positive feedback and appreciation from our clients.

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