

Counsel Galina Dontsova joins Dentons team

Moscow, 2 October 2018 – Galina Dontsova has joined Dentons' Russian Tax and Customs practice as a counsel. Galina will head the customs law group at the Firm's Russian Tax and Customs practice.

Galina was a counsel at Dentons in 2015 and 2016. Prior to that, from 2013 through 2015 she was general director at the Center for Support of Foreign Trade and Development of the Regions, and from 1998 through 2013 she headed the customs and foreign trade practice at the Russian branch of audit firm EY.

Galina has more than 20 years of experience advising on all aspects of customs regulation, including audit of foreign trade and customs transactions by participants in foreign trade; assisting with customs inspections; structuring import/export deals; due diligence and recommendations on drafting foreign trade contracts and contracts with suppliers of customs services; advising on goods classification, customs value, country of origin, the use of different customs procedures and customs incentives; negotiations with the customs authorities at various levels; appealing decisions of the customs authorities, supporting equipment import deals, providing foreign trade participants with practical assistance in preparing documents for customs clearance and other issues of customs regulation.

Galina has extensive experience working with government authorities of the Russian Federation and with the Eurasian Economic Commission. On expert boards and working groups she participates in drafting customs legislation and regulations.

She graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, customs law division of the International Law Department. She is fluent in English and Polish.

Dzhangar Dzhalchinov, partner and head of Dentons' Russian Tax and Customs practice: *"I am very glad that such a high-quality specialist as Galina has joined our team. I am certain that our customs law and foreign trade projects are in good hands."*

Dentons' Russian Tax and Customs practice comprises **more than 30 specialists**. It is one of the leading practices in Russia, ranked **Band 1** by *Chambers Europe* 2018.

The practice has all the resources necessary to provide you with the full spectrum of **tax and legal services**, including international tax advice, domestic tax and deoffshorization advice; advising on tax incentives and other forms of state support; contract tax review; tax restructurings; tax due diligence/self-checks; tax M&A support; tax dispute resolution; domestic accounting advice; tax legislative work; transfer pricing; individual tax planning and compliance; tax risk management; real estate tax; and supporting intangible asset transactions. The team also provides all types of **customs law services**, including customs compliance health checks; supply chain structuring and goods import modeling with the subsequent implementation of the developed supply structures; ensuring the declaration process complies with general customs law requirements; advising on the determination of customs value; advising on the classification of imported goods, etc.

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