

Press Release

BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER (RUSSIA) LLP WINS A DISPUTE AGAINST ROSPATENT FOR PROSVESHCHENIYE PUBLISHERS

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner Russia, formerly Goltsblat BLP in Russia, successfully challenged in the Intellectual Property Court Rospatent's¹ decision to cancel the trade marks of **Prosveshcheniye Publishers** consisting in a stylised depiction of a globe and the acronym ФГОС (standing for Federal State Educational Standards).

The case was initiated following a major trade mark dispute between **Prosveshcheniye** and Ventana-Graf publishers, which went on for more than a year. The court satisfied all the claims by **Prosveshcheniye Publishers** (the claimant), recovering from the defendant RUB 3.7 bn in compensation for breach of trade mark rights. The defendant then cancelled the Rospatent registration of the trade marks it had infringed on and for which it had paid compensation. The BCLP Russia team managed, however, to have the trade marks promptly restored.

The **Prosveshcheniye** case was argued by **Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP** Dispute Resolution/IP Partner **Elena Trusova**, Counsel **Anton Nefedev** and Junior Associate **Gleb Liubochko**.

Natalia Firsova, **Prosveshcheniye** Vice-President for Corporate and Legal Affairs, commented: "The Court reconfirmed Prosveshcheniye as the lawful owner of the trade marks, entitled to defend itself against any infringements in respect of our logos and bring relevant claims and lawsuits against offenders."

Elena Trusova and **Anton Nefedev** believe this case to be indicative of the IP protection situation in general, demonstrating that the Russian legal system is prepared to protect intellectual assets of rightholders and ascertain the truth in the most complex disputes.



¹ The Federal Service for Intellectual Property.

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