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## **Valentina Orlova is the best Russian IP expert according to WTR – 1000**

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Valentina Orlova, Head of Pepeliaev Group's Intellectual Property and Trademarks Practice, has been named as the best expert in Russia (being placed in the 'gold' category) by World Trademark Review-1000 for 2015 in the category "Individuals: prosecution and strategy".

The ranking agency noted that Valentina Orlova has tremendous professional experience that she gained when working at the state IP regulator Rospatent. It also cited her in-depth academic knowledge, calling her an outstanding trademark professional. Valentina specialises in trademark registration and use. She is an acknowledged expert in advising at a pre-trial stage.

In the corporate rating of WTR – 1000, Pepeliaev Group has been ranked in the second (silver) band. According to representatives of the agency, the firm is increasingly well recognised in the area of IP protection thanks to Valentina's work as Head of its IP Practice.

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Pepeliaev Group offers comprehensive legal assistance in managing its clients' intellectual property rights in Russia. Our lawyers are ready to provide professional advice at every stage when intellectual property is used and protected, starting from registering IP assets with the competent state authorities. The firm also offers highly effective measures to fight piracy. It successfully represents its clients to protect their IP rights in courts, and before Rospatent, alternative dispute resolution bodies, antitrust or other competent state authorities.