

Pepeliaev Group tops the Chambers Europe 2014 ratings

Moscow

Chambers Europe 2014 has once again ranked Pepeliaev Group's Tax Practice among the best on the Russian legal market (Band 1). According to market research, the firm is marked out by its experienced team which provides support in complex lawsuits and easily handles tax issues. Pepeliaev Group's experts have profound knowledge of the legal sector since they are actively involved in legislative drafting work.

Clients state that Pepeliaev Group's expert opinions "are accessible even to those people who are not familiar with tax at all", and the firm's lawyers are "very pragmatic in their work - in the best sense." "Pepeliaev Group is Number One for tax-related matters." Chambers Europe recognises Sergey Pepeliaev (Star Individuals), Rustem Ahmetshin (Band 2), and Valentina Akimova, Andrey Nikonov and Sergey Sosnovsky (Band 3) as eminent professionals in tax law.

Pepeliaev Group's Telecommunications Practice (Band 2) has figured at the top of the Chambers Europe ratings for several consecutive years. The firm's experts advise clients from the media and telecoms sector in relation to regulatory issues, licensing and tax. Clients say that Pepeliaev Group's team has in-depth knowledge of Russian legislation and extensive practical skills. Head of Practice Natalia Ivaschenko (Band 2) is characterised as an "excellent analyst" and "a highly organised, efficient and committed professional."

Pepeliaev Group's Antimonopoly Practice also features prominently in the Chambers Europe ratings (Band 2). The team provides legal support to clients in relation to which the Federal Antimonopoly Service has initiated investigations and inspections. Our clients say: "The team of lawyers is very attentive to our requirements and it is easy to stay in touch with them, so that we always get timely legal assistance." Clients commend Head of Practice Elena Sokolovskaya (Band 4) as a "very responsive and client-oriented professional."

This year, Chambers Europe has for the first time recommended Pepeliaev's Pharmaceutical Group (Band 2) placing it at number two in the rankings of firms active in this sphere. Our clients say: "The firm's experts actively inform us about all relevant cases and keep us posted about the main trends. The team really provides practical business solutions." Experts recommend Head of Corporate Practice Vladimir Sokov (Band 2) for his attention to detail and client-oriented attitude.

Pepeliaev Group's Employment and Migration Practice (Band 2) is also a leader in the Chambers Europe ratings. The team of the practice is referred to as "highly qualified" and "client-oriented." Head of Practice Julia Borozdna (Band 2) provides "very accurate and steady support" and "gives the client a sense of being protected."

Pepeliaev Group's Real Estate and Construction Practice (Band 2) has in-depth knowledge of Russian legislation and business practice, and is particularly active in the sphere of infrastructure and utilities projects. Head of Practice Natalia Stenina is the key contact for the clients.

Chambers Europe assesses Pepeliaev Group's IP practice (Band 3) as "reacting promptly and being ready to do anything for the client's convenience." The organisers of the ratings point out that Head of

Practice Valentina Orlova (Band 2) has an impeccable reputation on the market and knows Russian IP "inside out." The Dispute Resolution and Mediation Practice (Band 3) is known for its successful performance during judicial proceedings as well as for advising on bankruptcy, contractual and corporate disputes. In the clients' opinion, the team comprises highly qualified professionals. Head of Practice Yuri Vorobyev is the key contact for the clients.

The team of Pepeliaev Group's Corporate/M&A Practice (Band 4) advises clients in relation to investment projects and implementing joint ventures. According to Chambers Europe, Head of Practice Vladimir Sokov is the key contact for the clients.

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