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ABOUT THE FIRM

CAPITAL LEGAL SERVICES, ONE OF THE LEADING RUSSIAN FULL-SERVICE LAW FIRMS, HAS BEEN WELL KNOWN ON THE LEGAL SERVICES MARKET SINCE 1999. THE OFFICES OF CAPITAL LEGAL SERVICES ARE LOCATED IN MOSCOW, ST. PETERSBURG AND HELSINKI.

A full-scale approach to solving client tasks, extensive knowledge of legislation, understanding of Russian business practice and the needs of each client who approaches us for legal support – all this gives us an opportunity to provide services meeting the highest international quality standards and to always achieve the needed results.

The areas of specialization of the firm's attorneys include corporate law, real estate and construction, antitrust law, public-private partnership, litigation and alternative dispute resolution, labor law and intellectual property. Our attorneys have unique experience of working and cooperating with authorities and local administrations in Moscow and St. Petersburg, as well as in various Russian regions. Our proactive work is aimed at developing and improving the Russian legislation. Our attorneys have participated in drafting the Civil Code, Concession Law, laws related to transportation and public-private partnership.

For a number of years we have been providing legal support to major international and Russian companies doing business in real estate and construction, retail, food industry, machine industry, hi-tech equipment manufacturing and services, transport and transport infrastructure, manufacturing of construction materials, pulp and paper industry, chemical and pharmaceuticals.

We render our services throughout all of Russia and provide support for our clients in CIS countries through our network of partners. In cooperation with major international law firms we provide legal support in implementing comprehensive transnational projects of our clients.

Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 recommend us as legal adviser for companies doing business in Russia and distinguish high expertise in such areas of law as corporate/M&A, real estate, public-private partnership and dispute resolution.

What we value the most are performance, dedication to the profession, dynamics, pragmatism and positive approach. Our clients appreciate us for our eagerness and ability to always find and offer the most efficient solution.

OUR KEY AIM IS THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CLIENTS' BUSINESS

"This firm rises a tier in the rankings as a result of very positive market feedback."

Chambers & Partners

"Its projects are large, geographically diverse and the lawyers work as a closely knit team."

Chambers & Partners

"Capital Legal Services has 'deep practical knowledge' of its clients' businesses and adopts a 'solutions-oriented approach'."

Legal 500

"Each time you call them they make you feel that there is no other client or project more important than yours."

"These lawyers are first and foremost outstanding professionals. We are increasingly impressed by their way of dealing with issues and their ability to work at very short notice. They are fantastic to work with!"

Client testimonials

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SERVICES

CORPORATE LAW / MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Due diligence

Support for merger and acquisition transactions

Developing effective corporate structure alternatives and supporting company restructuring

Developing options programs

Corporate management services

Support for foreign investments

COMMERCIAL LAW

Performing pre-contract and contract work, drafting primary pre-contract instruments (letters of intent, preliminary agreements, etc.)

Drafting commercial agreements, including multilateral foreign trade agreements and foreign-law contracts

Advising on arrangement and development of a distribution network

Advising on currency regulation and foreign trade transactions

Information security and personal data processing E-trade

REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION

Due diligence and support of transaction with real estate facilities Due diligence on suitability of land plots for construction purposes Support in the course of construction, including infrastructure facilities Drafting and approving construction contracts, including FIDIC contracts

Developing a lease policy for facilities under construction, as well as negotiations and execution of lease agreements with tenants

Representing investors and protecting their interests before state authorities

ANTITRUST PRACTICE

Developing business models and effective competition strategies Legal assistance in the course of antitrust inspections

Representing interests in disputes with antitrust authorities

Antitrust approvals for economic concentration transactions and investments in strategic companies

Legal assistance in tender procedures related to state procurement Advising on current antitrust issues (distribution network, advertising, etc.)

ANTI-CORRUPTION / COMPLIANCE

Advising on practical application of Russian and international anti-corruption laws

Comprehensive assessment of companies corruption risks

Developing and implementing anti-corruption procedures appropriate for existing corruption risks for companies

Drafting internal instruments establishing implementation of anti-corruption procedures and the process of their implementation

Developing comprehensive personnel training programs with respect to principles of corporate ethics, actions pertaining to personal liability, requirements of Russian and international anti-corruption laws, including the FCPA and the UK Bribery Act

Developing and implementing compliance programs, mechanism for managing risks and increasing business efficiency, as required by Russian and international anti-corruption laws

PROJECT FINANCING AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Developing organizational and legal arrangements for project implementation

Developing a regulatory and legal base needed for arranging and holding tenders and implementing projects

Developing tender documentation for holding a tender for the right to conclude a concession agreement (PPP agreement)

Supporting clients at prequalification and tender stages and assistance in preparing application and tender proposal

Developing draft concession/PPP agreements, draft general contractor contracts (including based on FIDIC forms) and draft direct agreements with financing organizations, general contractor and operator

Representing clients during negotiations with public sector representatives, as well as negotiations with general contractors and financing organizations

Due diligence of projects for financing organizations, preparing reports for financing organizations

Advising on tariff policy issues and support in the course of tariff approvals

Advising on civil, land, urban planning, tax and other aspects of client activity during project implementation

COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION AND OUT-OF-COURT DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Representing clients in courts (including in arbitration courts and commercial arbitration) on the following issues:

- Protection of ownership title
- Land legal relations
- Construction and construction contracts
- Tax law
- Labor disputes
- Other

Defending clients in administrative cases Supporting clients in enforcement proceedings Representing clients in bankruptcy cases Supporting court cases in foreign jurisdictions Out-of-court dispute resolution

LABOR LEGISLATION

Drafting employment agreements (including collective) and internal regulatory instruments

Advising on employment issues and migration legislation

Support in obtaining work permits for foreign specialists and visa support

Support with staff redundancies, change of ownership, dismissals, transfers and other procedures

Defending clients in the course of inspections by supervisory authorities

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Registration, protection and maintaining in force trademarks and patents in the Russian Federation and abroad, including under the Madrid system

Patent and trademark searches

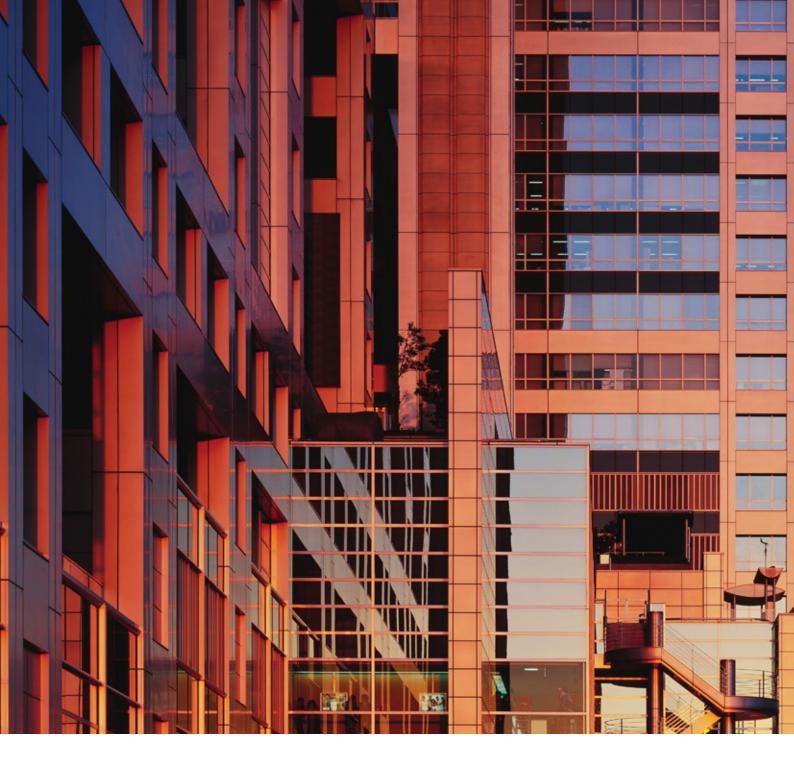
Development of drafts and registration in Rospatent of franchising agreements, license agreements and agreements on alienation of rights to patents and trademarks

Development of draft agreements on creating and administering copyright items, including software and databases, R&D contracts

Legal due diligence investigations of intangible assets

Preventive measures against import of counterfeit goods by registering intellectual property items in the Customs Register of the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation

Representing clients in disputes related to intellectual property



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