

# Changes to the Goltsblat BLP Dispute Resolution Practice: the team grows and key specialist areas expand

Goltsblat BLP, the Russian practice of the international law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), has announced a **restructuring of its Dispute Resolution Practice**, driven by impressive recent growth in its key specialist areas.

## Head of Dispute Resolution Practice:

### Andrey Goltsblat, Managing Partner >

Manages large-scale and complex litigation and arbitration projects; co-ordinates multi-jurisdictional litigation teams; handles negotiations and amicable settlements between international corporations, Russian and foreign industry majors.

## Dispute Resolution Practice contacts and key specialist areas:

### Commercial disputes / title defence

The team acts for clients across Russia in all types of dispute in arbitrazh (commercial) and general jurisdiction courts at all levels, including the Supreme Court. It represents landlords and tenants, handles real estate development disputes, manages 'no-title' cases and much more.

Elena Trusova >  
Partner

Ivan Veselov >  
Partner

Oleg Arkhipov >  
Partner

### International arbitration / cross-border litigation

The team handles cases in virtually all major international arbitration centres, such as the ICC, LCIA, SCC, AAA, SIAC, PCA, ICAC, HKIAC, DIFC and ICSID. They produce expert opinions for foreign courts in a multitude of jurisdictions, such as England, the USA, BVI, Bermuda, Cyprus, France and the Netherlands.

Roman Khodykin >  
Partner (London)

Julia Romanova\* >  
Head of Group

Yury Babichev >  
Head of Group

Elena Trusova >  
Partner

### Corporate disputes, insolvency and bankruptcy

Shareholder and other disputes arising from M&A deals, joint ventures and venture capital investments. Disputes with governing bodies and other corporate governance disputes. Assistance in bankruptcy proceedings.

Ivan Veselov >  
Partner

Elena Trusova >  
Partner

Yury Babichev >  
Head of Group

### Antitrust disputes

Antitrust litigation, including abuse of dominance, cartel cases and unfair competition disputes, dawn raids, antitrust cases at the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia, disputes relating to public and Federal Law 223 procurements, and antitrust damages claims.

Nikolay Voznesenskiy >  
Partner, Head of Competition & Antitrust Practice

Vitaly Dianov >  
Partner

### IP/IT disputes

Disputes over copyright, trade marks, patents, technology, know-how and other intangibles; advertising disputes; IP/IT disputes, including domain name issues; software, data storage and transfer, and personal data; antitrust and unfair competition disputes over IP/IT assets

The market-leading Goltsblat BLP Dispute Resolution Practice is one of the biggest in Russia, with **over 40 associates and advocates**, including **nine partners**. The firm's offices in Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, London, Paris, Singapore, Tel Aviv and Yangon bring together **over 180 associates** focusing on dispute resolution and international arbitration.

*"Maintains a strong domestic litigation practice extending beyond Moscow into the regions."*  
**Chambers Europe 2017**

*"The thorough and responsive team is recommended for cross-border corporate disputes."*  
**Legal 500 2017**

*"Managing partner and eminent practitioner Andrey Goltsblat is a leading figure in the Moscow market."*  
**Chambers Global 2017**

*"Elena Trusova receives enthusiastic feedback from clients: She is an inexhaustible generator of ideas, very good strategist and tactician. If Elena takes something on, then you can be sure that absolutely everything that could be done in the situation is being done."*  
**Chambers Global 2016**

*"Based in London, Roman Khodykin is one of the firm's most prominent international commercial arbitration practitioners. He is very smart and*

and rights, other intangible assets and advertising.

[Elena Trusova >](#)

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## Tax and customs disputes

The team acts for clients before the Federal Tax Service Central Office and higher courts, including the Supreme Court and Constitutional Court of Russia. It provides tax audit support and defence services, represents clients before the customs, foreign exchange control authorities and courts, offers legal assistance in antidumping investigations and with tax benefit entitlements, and much more.

[Evgeny Timofeev >](#)

Partner, Head of Tax Practice

[Vladimir Tchikine >](#)

Partner, Head of Customs & International Trade Practice

[Alexander Erasov >](#)

Head of Tax Dispute Resolution Group

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## White Collar Criminal Defence

Representation in economic crime and corruption proceedings.

[Anton Gusev >](#)

Head of White Collar Criminal Defence Practice

[Julia Romanova >](#)

Head of Group

[Vladimir Tchikine >](#)

Partner, Head of Customs & International Trade Practice

[Alexander Erasov >](#)

Head of Tax Dispute Resolution Group

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## Employment disputes

The team supports clients and acts for them in court during state inspections, senior executive liability cases and whistleblowing investigations; provides assistance in resolving conflicts with employees, etc.

[Nadezhda Ilyushina >](#)

Employment, Pensions and Benefits Practice

\* On 7 November 2017, the Dispute Resolution Practice was boosted by the arrival of **Julia Romanova** as Head of Group. Julia's practice focuses on international arbitration and white collar criminal defence. Before joining Goltsblat BLP, Julia Romanova headed the Arbitration / Litigation Practice at the Moscow Office of Chadbourne & Parke LLP (see [press release](#) and [CV](#)).

Goltsblat BLP is the Russian practice of Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), a leading international law firm headquartered in London, with offices in major commercial and financial centres throughout the world – Moscow, Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Paris, Singapore, Tel Aviv and Yangon. Over 100 lawyers qualified in Russian, English and US law are based in Goltsblat BLP's Moscow office, with lawyers in BLP's international offices numbering over 800. Goltsblat BLP provides services to well over 1700 companies, including major multinational investors operating in Russia, Russian and international banks and financial institutions and Russian industry-leading companies (including 130 Forbes Global clients). For more detail, please visit [www.gblplaw.com](http://www.gblplaw.com)

Best regards,  
Goltsblat BLP LLP

**Russia Law Firm of the Year 2016 and 2017**  
Chambers Europe Awards\*

**International Law Firm of the Year 2016**  
Legal 500\*

**Russia Law Firm of the Year 2015**  
Chambers Europe Awards

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*\*shortlisted*

*visible on important cases."*

**Chambers Global 2015**

*"Oleg Arkhipov has an impressive courtroom manner and the ability to present his arguments in a persuasive way."*

**Legal 500 EMEA 2015**

*"Nikolay Voznesenskiy maintains an excellent reputation in the market, particularly for his advice on contentious issues. He is described as an excellent litigator and orator. Thoughtful, creative and focused on the result for the business."*

**Chambers Europe 2017**

*"Vitaly Dianov possesses significant expertise in cartel investigations and dawn raids, as well as abuse of dominance cases. Sources describe him as a highly-qualified trial lawyer who conducts trials, manages the litigation prospect, knows the legislation and steadfastly upholds his legal position."*

**Chambers Europe 2016**

*"Evgeny Timofeev is a stellar tax litigator in Russia. He's one of the best in the market. He understands the needs of a client, then he finds a way to do it. He's very logical and very creative."*

**Chambers & Partners 2017**

*"Vladimir Tchikine is a notable customs expert, described as one of the most prominent lawyers in customs-related matters. He advises clients on regulatory as well as contentious issues."*

**Chambers Europe 2017**