

Press release

## Counsel Alexander Kovalev and Senior Associate Alina Mamaeva join Dentons

*Dentons expands Russian Life Sciences practice*

**Moscow, August 27, 2018** – Counsel **Alexander Kovalev** and Senior Associate **Alina Mamaeva** have joined the team of Dentons' Russian Life Sciences practice. A total of eight Life Sciences lawyers have joined Dentons since June 2018.

**Alexander Kovalev** specializes in Life Sciences corporate law and M&A. For more than 13 years Alexander has advised major multinational and Russian companies on M&A transactions, setting up joint ventures, investment and restructuring. Before coming to Dentons, Alexander was a partner at DS Law and also worked at law firms Pepeliaev Group, Baker & McKenzie, White & Case and at consulting firm PwC. Alexander is a graduate of Vladivostok State Economics University.

**Alina Mamaeva** has extensive experience advising clients on issues related to the circulation of medicines and medical devices, and on antitrust and business law in Life Sciences. Alina assists clients with medicine pricing, import of unregistered pharmaceuticals or off-label use of pharmaceuticals. Alina also focuses on advising clients on various support programs for patients and clinical trials and has authored publications, seminars and webinars devoted to developing commercial policies and distribution strategies and protecting clients' interests in public procurement. Before coming to Dentons, Alina was the head of pharmaceutical practice at Vegas Lex law firm, and also worked at Pepeliaev Group and Baker & McKenzie. Alina is a graduate of Moscow State University of Law named after Kutafin.

**Sergey Klimenko**, Dentons partner and head of Russian Life Sciences practice said: "Alexander and Alina are prominent Life Sciences practitioners on the Russian market and it is great luck for me, for the group and our clients that we can work with them. These colleagues' skills will allow us to expand the already brilliant team of Dentons' Moscow office in an entire range of areas in the industry, providing the ability to advise on industry projects of any complexity."

**Vladimir Sokov**, Dentons partner said: "I am proud that we are creating a strong and quality team. We have known Alina and Alexander for a long time, so we are delighted that our negotiations were successful. Joining our team are seasoned professionals who will certainly help us to boost our positions as a market leader."

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