

Press release

BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER RUSSIA MAINTAINS ITS LEADING POSITIONS IN THE CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2020 RANKING

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, formerly Goltsblat BLP in Russia, has once again been placed among the top-ranked law firms by the **Chambers Global 2020**, one of the most prestigious and competitive international legal rankings. It notes BCLP Russia particularly in the key practice areas: **corporate / M&A, dispute resolution (including international arbitration), intellectual property and banking & finance**. The firm is also included in **Cross-Border and International Capabilities Guide**, which covers Russia for the 1st time this year and recognises the best and most user-friendly firms to work with on matters involving international aspects.

The ranking is based on client feedback, as well as the scope and complexity of the projects handled during the past year.

These outstanding results show how successful the firm's strategy has been. Clients highly appreciate its resources and capabilities, especially in assisting with both cross-border and domestic projects and disputes.

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP Managing Partner **Andrey Goltsblat** is, for the seventh time, named an Eminent Practitioner (Corporate / M&A), the most prestigious category, which each year marks the services of key, market-leading legal business professionals. According to **Chambers Global 2020 Andrey Goltsblat** *"oversees the practice, providing strategic domestic law insight to major international corporates involved in transactions, as well as complex corporate restructurings. "He's the name everyone knows," a source says."*

CORPORATE / M&A

The team is "increasingly active on high-value domestic transactions across a broad range of industries. Represents IT and pharmaceutical names as well as major private equity, manufacturing, real estate and TMT companies. Also maintains a strong corporate advisory practice, providing Russian law and corporate structuring assistance."

Partner and Head of Corporate /M&A **Anton Sitnikov** is also given special mention: *"acts for international and domestic clients on joint venture and transactional mandates across a range of industries. Sources appreciate his insight, reporting: "He can find the balance between commercial aims and the legal risks we might need to take. He is good at finding a compromise."*

Ekaterina Dedova, Partner, Corporate / M&A, *"enters the rankings this year as a result of positive market feedback. She provides domestic law support to clients involved in cross-border transactions and joint venture structuring. "She is very efficient, always available, responsive and she understands the needs of her clients," a client says, while another adds: "She always has bright ideas."*

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Matvey Kaploukhiy, Partner, Corporate / M&A, *"focuses on high-value M&A, acting for both domestic and international corporates. Sources highlight his dedication to clients' needs. "He's extremely client-oriented, very flexible and very comfortable in explaining complex legal issues in plain language," a client says, adding that "he never says no and always finds a solution. "Another client notes: "He has a business-minded approach, so he's very helpful. He understands how these deals go."*

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

"Best known for its strong standing in contentious mandates, including high-profile IP trade marks and patent rights infringement as well as licensing disputes. The team is increasingly prominent in non-contentious regulatory mandates, including advertising, specifically of pharmaceutical products, and data protection-related mandates. Also acts on commercial matters relating to the transfer of IP through M&A transactions. Traditionally instructed by TMT, pharmaceutical and fashion clients."

Elena Trusova, Partner, Dispute Resolution / Intellectual Property, *"acts for pharmaceutical, manufacturing and TMT corporates on contentious IP mandates. Sources appreciate her strength in disputes, with one explaining: "She's very good at representing clients in court." She additionally advises on non-contentious commercial mandates. She also assists with regulatory disputes related to advertising."*

BANKING & FINANCE

"Regularly represents borrowers in acquisition financing as well as refinancing projects. Additionally advises Russian and international banks on financing and refinancing issues. Particularly active in real estate and aviation financing, with further experience in regulatory and securitisation matters."

Tatiana Parshak, Partner, Banking & Finance, *"assists borrowers with financing, refinancing and regulatory issues, particularly in relation to real estate financing. A source highlights her proactivity and focus as key strengths: "She is the driving force behind the deals. She's very responsive and dedicated." Another confirms: "She very quickly delved into the issue and was able to present all the information needed."*

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

"Active domestic litigation practice, advising clients on contractual and debt recovery mandates. Both insurance and construction-related disputes are further areas of recent activity. Also acts for clients on regulatory disputes. Instructed on high-importance disputes related to data protection and gathering. Works closely with its London office to assist clients with international and investment arbitration cases."

Roman Khodykin, Partner, International Arbitration (London) *"is a leading international arbitration specialist, predominantly representing Russian clients in high-value cross-border disputes... is considered an authority in Russia-related arbitrations, demonstrating what one source describes as a "perfect knowledge of Russian and European law." Another interviewee*

observes: "He is an intellectual heavyweight combining a thorough knowledge of arbitration law and superb advocacy skills."

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Aydin Jebrailov, Head of Energy and Natural Resources, *"focuses on subsoil regulatory issues, including advising on licensing matters and contentious mandates, in the mining and oil and gas sectors. He acts for both domestic and international energy companies."*

Levon Kocharyan, Head of Natural Resources, Mining and Infrastructure, *"assists oil and gas corporates and mining giants with corporate projects across Russia and the CIS."*

CROSS-BORDER AND INTERNATIONAL CAPABILITIES

The guide calls the firm's Moscow office *"a gateway to clients with interests in the CIS"*, stating that *"members of the team are able to leverage the resources of the firm's expansive network to meet the multi-jurisdictional demands of its clientele"*.

"Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner's Russian offering provides domestic and international clients with robust cross-border support which spans a broad spectrum of matters".

"The Moscow office's M&A group is well equipped to advise on European and CIS-related transactions, and the firm's leading real estate practice continues to perform highly on cross-border mandates, supported by strong banking and finance capabilities. In contentious proceedings, the firm boasts a comprehensive offering. Clients involved in litigation or arbitration can call on a talented disputes team, which often works alongside practitioners based throughout the group's international network".

"They have good market knowledge, they understand the requirements of international players", an interviewee observes.

"Another client highlights the Moscow office's ability to advise on both Russian and English law: "They understand Russian business realities but at the same time have very useful English law experience in Moscow. They can explain English law matters in Russian and interpret English law principles with a Russian law equivalent."

"Referring to a matter handled by the team, a client reports: "English, US and Russian law have been implemented for this project. They are very efficient, responsive and demonstrate deep analytical thinking."

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Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP law firm was formed in 2018 as a result of one of the biggest transatlantic mergers in the history of the legal business: the merger between the leading international law firms Bryan Cave LLP (U.S.) and Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP (UK), including its Russian practice Goltsblat BLP. Today Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP is one of the biggest global law firms (among the top 50), uniting more than 1,400 lawyers in 31 offices in 11 countries. Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP provides comprehensive legal support for any largescale deals, projects and disputes in any jurisdiction, whenever and wherever clients might need it. Strong global practices and fully-integrated international teams in M&A, real estate, financial services and dispute resolution. The firm represents 40% of the Fortune 500, 30 of the world's top 50 banks (by revenue) and 12 of the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds.

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