

**9 November 2017****Press Release****JULIA ROMANOVA JOINS GOLTSBLAT BLP AS HEAD OF GROUP, REINFORCING ITS DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTICE**

**Goltsblat BLP, the Russian practice of the international law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP),** announces that **Julia Romanova** has joined the team as Head of Group, International Arbitration, White Collar Criminal Defence, to strengthen further the firm's Dispute Resolution Practice. Before joining Goltsblat BLP, **Julia Romanova** was Head of the Litigation/Arbitration Practice of Moscow Office of Chadbourne & Parke LLP.

**Julia Romanova's** practice focuses on litigation, arbitration, bankruptcy and white collar criminal cases. Julia has over 20 years' experience of representing clients' interests before Russian courts and various state authorities.

Over the past 13 years, **Julia** has prepared expert evidence on Russian law for international arbitration tribunals and foreign courts (England, the USA, the Netherlands, Cyprus and the BVI) and has assisted clients participating in such proceedings. **Julia** is also involved in providing legal assistance in criminal cases, acting as defence attorney or representing injured parties and civil claimants and civil defendants in criminal cases. She has extensive experience with international, multilateral lending institutions on recovery and restructuring matters and has participated in general due diligence reviews of numerous Russian companies.

The reinforcement of the Dispute Resolution Practice is driven by the growing demand from our national and international clients for dispute resolution services, particularly involving international arbitration institutions and foreign courts, and the need to co-ordinate all such processes for our clients in the most effective manner.

Over the last few years, the Dispute Resolution Practice has evolved as one of the firm's key practice areas, enjoying the greatest demand. The team consists of 40 associates and advocates, including nine partners, and is among the biggest in Russia.

The **Goltsblat BLP** Dispute Resolution team has an excellent reputation on the market. Over the last five years, the Practice has been top-ranked by Legal 500 and Chambers and its key partners have been among the recommended lawyers. The Practice has the resources and expertise to handle cases of any scale and complexity, both in Russia and abroad, including cross-border disputes and international arbitration. **Goltsblat BLP** acts for clients in virtually all types of dispute, including contractual, corporate, antitrust, investment, real estate, IP, customs, tax, labour and others.

**Andrey Goltsblat**, Managing Partner, Head of Dispute Resolution, Goltsblat BLP, says: *"We are happy to have Julia Romanova on our team. Her expertise fits perfectly with our firm's development strategy in this respect and will strengthen our leading positions on the market so that our clients' needs and expectations are met most effectively."*

**Julia Romanova:** *"I am happy to join such a strong Goltsblat BLP team and become part of one of the most distinguished litigation teams on the market. The firm's growth tempo and the level of its projects are both impressive and inspiring."*

**Julia Romanova** is recognised by Chambers Global and Chambers Europe (2011-2017) for dispute resolution and by Best Lawyers (2010-2017) for her work in litigation, international and domestic arbitration, mediation, real estate, construction and antitrust.

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