

## Press Release

### BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER RUSSIA MAINTAINS ITS TOP-RANKINGS IN CHAMBERS EUROPE 2020

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, formerly Goltsblat BLP in Russia, has once again been placed among the top-ranked law firms by the Chambers Europe 2020 international rating.

The leading practice areas of BCLP Russia have been highly recommended, among them: **Real Estate, Competition/Antitrust, Corporate/M&A, Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property, Tax, Employment, Banking & Finance, Restructuring and Insolvency, Life Sciences and TMT.**

Chambers rankings are among the most prestigious and reliable guides in the legal industry around the world. The ranking is based on client and peer feedback, as well as on the level and complexity of the projects implemented over the previous year.

Chambers Europe 2020 comments as follows on Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner:

#### REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION

Leading group with an excellent track record in large-scale construction and development mandates. Active in high-value acquisitions and disposals of commercial property and property portfolios. Demonstrates strong expertise in leasing issues. Advises on real estate financing. Acts for major global and local companies from a variety of sectors, as well as real estate developers and investors.

*"They are very responsive and attentive to our needs and expectations. They take into close consideration all our observations and comments",* a client reports, while another adds: *"We are always confident that every detail will be taken care of."*

**Work highlights** Advised **UFG Real Estate** and **Orientir Development** on sale to Raven Russia of a share in the Sever-2 logistics park.

#### Notable practitioners

**Vitaly Mozharowski** has a wealth of expertise in the real estate sector, advising a broad array of clients on transactions, as well as land development and zoning issues. *"He's easy to work with",* a client says, adding: *"He has excellent strategic vision and always has his client's interest at the forefront."* He also assists with leasing issues.

**Rustam Aliev** climbs the rankings this year on the back of positive market feedback and visibility on the firm's key transactions. He focuses on real estate transactions, including M&A and joint ventures. He regularly acts for investment companies, private equity funds and developers. Clients note his confident handling of complex transactions, one of them stating: *"He understands a client's needs perfectly"* and acts *"in a timely and diligent manner."*

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**Yuri Chernobrivtsev** advises clients on leasing agreements and hotel management contracts. *"Yuri is the type of lawyer who goes the extra mile. He is able to manage a very high workload, so he's stress-resistant, responsible and into the details. He's always on time"*, a client reports.

## **CORPORATE/M&A: HIGH-END CAPABILITY**

Sources highlight client service as a key strength. One explains: *"They're dedicated; I can call them 24/7 and give them any question and I always get a response."*

Interviewees note the team's ability to work in the international environment, with one source saying: *"They could transfer English law concepts into Russian law"*, adding: *"We had great communication; we understood each other very well."*

**Work highlights** Represented **OBL Pharm** in its RUB 15.5 bn sale to AFK Sistema.

### **Notable practitioners**

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner 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.*

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."*

**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."*

## **ANTITRUST & COMPETITION**

Primarily active and best known for its practical experience of competition disputes. Also assists with abuse of dominance cases and FAS investigations, including in the regions of

Russia. Collaborates with the firm's white-collar crime department on high-profile behavioural investigations. Additionally offers advisory services on merger clearance. Offers regulatory compliance advice, including on commercial contracts.

The team receives recognition for its strategic approach. One impressed client praises the team for its handling of a case with the FAS, while another notes the lawyers for taking *"a leading position in negotiations."*

**Work highlights** Represented **Novatek** in a court case challenging an FAS decision on alleged abuse of dominance by the client's subsidiary.

#### **Notable practitioners**

Department head **Nikolay Voznesenskiy** has extensive competition expertise, including in complex investigations, as well as on the advisory side, including competition compliance and regulations. He also represents clients in contentious matters. *"He explains the issues and opportunities to clients. He can turn his thoughts and ideas into practice"*, a client says.

**Vitaly Dianov** is highly praised by market commentators for his antitrust litigation knowledge. *"He is very engaged, always ready to listen and is very attentive to our needs and expectations"*, one client says. He also has significant expertise in investigations and abuse of dominance cases.

#### **TAX**

A well-reputed tax team offering expertise in contentious matters, as well as tax advisory issues such as structuring, indirect taxation and VAT regulations. Particularly recognised for its tax dispute work and also assists with customs issues. Instructed by international and domestic clients from a wide range of industries.

**Work highlights** Advised **HeadHunter Group** on various tax issues relating to the group's restructuring.

#### **Notable practitioners**

**Evgeny Timofeev** is a highly reputable practitioner, assisting with both contentious and non-contentious tax matters. *"He understands tax law and, at the same time, he understands the needs of the business"*, a client says. Another source adds: *"He is a strong tax litigator. I like his ability to take complex matters and break them down."*

#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Clients highlight the team's comprehensive support. One explains: *"You can rely on the team; they are available almost 24/7, they reply to urgent messages in the evening and on weekends and are always glad to help. They are passionate about their work, they are enthusiastic."*

Sources also like the team's focused approach. *"They always keep deadlines and they give us exactly what we need"*, a client says, while another praises the group's *"creative approach to issues, clear structure and unambiguity."*

### **Notable practitioners**

**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**

The team is noted for its client service: *"They're always available, very quick in their answers; we always receive good advice and they are very friendly and co-operative."*

**Work highlights** Advised **Petropavlovsk PLC** on the refinancing of a USD 210 m credit facility provided to IRC Group, in which Petropavlovsk is a shareholder.

### **Notable practitioners**

**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**

Sources note the team's proactive approach: *"They're very responsive, very client-orientated, they even warn us of things before issues arise. I like them!"*

**Work highlights** Defended **Double Data** in a data privacy dispute against VKontakte.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Well-regarded team offering comprehensive employment law services to a wide variety of multinational companies. Advises clients on employment disputes, as well as handling employee transfers, restructurings and contractual mandates in addition to immigration advisory services. Additionally assists with non-contentious dismissal cases.

Sources note the firm's proficiency, one of them remarking: *"They give practical and straight-to-the-point advice."*

**Work highlights** Assisted **TMK** with internal employment policies and drafting documentation.

## **Notable practitioners**

**Nadezhda Ilyushina** has significant experience in labour-related litigation, in addition to advising on staff redundancies and immigration issues. An interviewee reports: *"She always provides good, clear and actionable advice"*, while another source praises her attention to detail.

Counsel **Yuri Ivanov** is admired by clients for his creative approach, with one enthusing: *"He always finds solutions in difficult situations."* He is well-versed in a range of contentious labour matters, including unfair dismissals.

## **LIFE SCIENCES**

Enters the rankings this year as a result of positive market feedback and increasing visibility. Particularly known for its expertise on regulatory and antitrust matters. Handles compliance issues, including advertising regulation, and is also active on localisation projects. Represents both local and international pharmaceutical companies.

Sources laud the department's care for clients' interests, with one client noting that the lawyers *"deliver very practical legal advice. It is important for us that they understand us. What they suggest are interesting and innovative solutions."*

**Work highlights** Advised **Teva Pharmaceutical Industries** on compliance with advertising rules.

## **Notable practitioners**

**Vladislav Vdovin** is a contact for clients.

## **RESTRUCTURING/INSOLVENCY**

Represents both creditors and debtors in insolvency-related litigation matters. Advises on debt recovery cases, with notable activity in cross-border litigation related to liquidation of assets. Also represents domestic and international companies as creditors and has further experience in secondary liability cases.

Market commentators value focused advice, with one client saying: *"They're an experienced team, they are straight to the point. They can deal with a range of issues"* and adding: *"I am satisfied with everything."*

## **Notable practitioners**

**Oleg Khokhlov** is a key contact for clients.

## **TMT**

Acts for a range of technology and telecommunications companies on transactional and contentious matters. Also advises on data protection and compliance issues. Additionally

represents private equity funds in TMT-focused transactions. Has experience advising on investments and joint ventures, and is active in contentious matters.

Market commentators note that the team is well regarded for its expertise in data protection work.

**Work highlights** Represented **Double Data** in court in its dispute with VKontakte regarding collection of VKontakte users' data.

### **Notable practitioners**

**Ekaterina Dedova** advises on TMT regulatory issues and assists with transactions in the sector. *"She is very client-orientated"*, a client reports.

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### **About Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner Russia**

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