

VEGAS LEX DISCUSSES THE ODD MAN OUT RULE IN DRUG PROCUREMENT AND INTERCHANGEABILITY OF DRUGS

On September 22, 2016 VEGAS LEX Commercial group junior associate Anastasia Cheredova participated in the Fourth Partnering ‘Russian Medicines. An interdisciplinary dialogue’ in Kazan, organized by FAS Russia, the Healthcare Ministry of Tatarstan, and the Association of the Russian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers.

On September 22, 2016, Kazan hosted the Fourth Partnering ‘Russian Medicines. An interdisciplinary dialogue.’ The discussion focused on improving the drug provision system in Russia.

VEGAS LEX Commercial group junior associate **Anastasia Cheredova** spoke at the first session, *Improvement of the drug provision system in Russia and business and government cooperation with a balance of interests*. Her presentation, *Public Procurement at Pharma 2016: New Challenges*, covered the problems encountered in the bidding process under [Government Resolution No. 1289 of November 30, 2015](#) (which introduced the *odd man out* rule). She cited some inconsistent practices used by the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) and the courts in the application of this rule. The expert also called attention to the controversial practices of determining the interchangeability of medicines in 2016.

Among other things, representatives of FAS Russia, state customers and pharmaceutical market leaders had an opportunity to discuss expansion of local pharmaceutical production, the contract system of procurement, special investment contracts, the experience of regional procurement and other important issues in the pharmaceutical sector.

The Partnering is one of the most important annual events aimed at promoting the development of the Russian pharmaceutical industry. The event was attended by over 300 professionals who discussed important current issues affecting the local pharmaceutical market development. The dialogue between the professional pharmaceutical community and public authorities helps find the best ways to achieve the stated goals.

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