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PRESS RELEASE

As a part of its expanding representation of leading international and Russian clients, the law firm LegaLife is pleased to announce the strengthening of its legal practice with **Anna** *Ryabtseva* who has joined the firm as Senior Associate.



Anna Ryabtseva has over thirteen years of professional experience ranging from corporate law matters over commercial transactions to international trade issues, including extensive work in legal due diligence, planning, compliance and research. Her broad knowledge of the legal field in Russia is the outcome of a personal and career development that has always been international in scope, well in line with LegaLife's business focus as a law firm that assists mostly international companies in Russia. Prior to joining our firm, Anna spent most of her career in internationally-oriented organizations, starting from work on international trade matters at the beginning of her career during her time at the Russian Ministry of Economic Development and Trade to many years in the Moscow offices of international law firms, including Haynes and Boone International and K&L Gates. Prior to her experience in Russia, she interned at the Washington D.C. office of *Paul, Hastings*, Janofsky & Walker LLP. As an attorney, Anna possesses considerable experience in advising clients on registration issues regarding the incorporation of Russian companies as well as representative offices and branches of foreign companies, amendment of foundation documents, increase/decrease of the charter capital, registration of issuance of shares and other securities, liquidation, restructuring and reorganization of companies. She is also very experienced in conducting due diligence investigations of assets and documentation of the Russian companies for M&A projects. Moreover, she has acquired in-depth knowledge of commercial transactions like drafting, reviewing and negotiating of a very wide range of agreements in many industries including construction and real estate, oil and gas, retail, banking, food, telecom, mining and transportation and others. Anna also has considerable knowledge of other matters pertaining to international trade such as various issues arising from customs law and export/import control rules. Anna graduated in Law from the Moscow University of Finance and Law.

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