

A Russian litigation powerhouse

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ABOUT US

RUSTAM KURMAEV AND PARTNERS

«A Russian litigation powerhouse», as our clients describe us, we are committed to setting an example in thought leadership in the legal services industry. With expert local knowledge and a track record at the international level, our lawyers provide top-tier advice and client service in all areas of dispute resolution in Russia.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial disputes	>	Corporate disputes	>
White collar criminal defense	>	Insurance disputes	>
Interaction with state authorities and law enforcement agencies	>	Tax and customs disputes	>
Restructuring and insolvency	>	Real estate and construction disputes	>
Governmental and regulatory litigation	>	Domestic and international arbitration	>
Defence in administrative proceedings	>	Litigation finance	>

20

years of
experience
in dispute
resolution

415

clients

1355

cases

12

key practice
areas

50+

cities

₽24^{BLN}

the total value of
disputes clients
instructed us on this
year

GLOBAL PRESENCE

Our experience includes representation of global corporations - Ikea, Volkswagen Group, Panasonic, Caterpillar, Gilette, Citibank, Mars, and Russian market leaders – VimpelCom, 2x2 Channel, Sberbank.

The firm has reliable partners in the UK, the USA, and across all Russian regions and CIS countries.





RECENT REPRESENTATIVE CASES

We are an independent dispute resolution practice with a particular focus on commercial litigation, bankruptcy and restructuring, corporate conflict, white collar crime, and disputes with regulators and state authorities.

MECHEL

Successful representation of the interests of a Russian mining-and-metallurgical giant in a dispute with the counterparty under consulting agreements and finished-product supply contracts in the total amount of RUB 12.7 bln. Successful representation of the interests of Mechel Group companies in disputes on holding controlling entities to subsidiary liability within the scope of bankruptcy cases, as well as in disputes involving the recovery of damages caused by the actions of management bodies.

BAKER HUGHES

Successful representation in a series of disputes with customers and their contractors involving the recovery of damages in connection with the loss of our client's equipment in a total amount of more than RUB 264 mln.

CHELPIPE

Successful representation of Chelyabinsk Tube-Rolling Plant in a dispute over a claim seeking the recovery of RUB 11 bln.

TECHNONICOL CORPORATION

Successfully representing the regional asset of the client (one of the largest international producers of building materials and road-construction solutions) in Nizhny Novgorod in the course of a joint investigation conducted by the RF Federal Security Service (FSB) and RF Ministry of the Interior, in conjunction with officials from the local territorial division of Rostekhnadzor, prompted by suspicions of unlawful activity under the operation of elevated-hazard facilities.

VOLKSWAGEN GROUP RUS

Legal support for the client in the process of getting it included on the creditors' register of a bankrupt auto-dealer for a claim in the amount of roughly RUB 90 mln. Successful defense of the client's interests in a dispute with an unscrupulous dealer involving the recovery of damages in the amount of RUB 67 mln and additional penalties in the amount of RUB 25 mln.

GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Defending the interests of company management in the course of inspections conducted within the scope of a pre-investigation probe by the Economic Security and Anticorruption Directorate of the RF Ministry of Internal Affairs for the City of Moscow pursuant to incoming complaints about the quality of the medical products sold in the Russian Federation by our client. We were able to prove that the products made and sold by our client meet the most stringent quality standards and are safe for consumers.

JLL

Legal support and representation of JLL (as well as the JLL Group companies) in contractual disputes throughout Russia.

TOYOTA MOTOR RUS

Provision of legal support for the client's efforts seeking inclusion in the register of creditor claims against a bankrupt auto-dealer and the settlement of recovery claims brought by private consumers in a total amount of more than RUB 100 mln.

MAJOR TURKISH DEVELOPER

Successful representation of the company's interests in a dispute with the Moscow City Government seeking the recovery of damages sustained by the developer in connection with the termination of an investment contract. The dispute was ultimately settled with the court awarding the client damages in an amount of more than RUB 200 mln.

LEADING GLOBAL PRODUCER OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Defense of the enterprise's manager in a criminal case involving charges of the provision of substandard services causing serious harm to consumer health.

TPV CIS

Successful representation of a large electronics manufacturer in a case involving the recovery of an insurance payout in connection with the counterparty's breach of contract. The case was considered by the courts of three instances, ultimately making its way to the RF Supreme Court. At all stages of consideration of the case, the courts entered decisions in our client's favor.

IKEA

Successful court defense of the company's interests against baseless claims brought by Khimki KSKhP, which had been attempting to challenge our client's rightful title to a land plot.

YAMAHA MOTOR CIS

Defending the interests of the client in a dispute with an unsecured creditor, participating in creditors' meetings, interacting with the administrator controlled by the opponents, and representing the client's interests in challenging the results of the first creditors' meeting (the meeting's decision to shift to outside administration), as well as holding the opponents to subsidiary liability and contesting the validity of questionable transactions preventing the debtor from being able to restore its solvency.

RUSSIAN MOTION-PICTURE COMPANY

Representing the interests of the owners in a corporate conflict with former management.

GILLETTE

Representation of the company's interests in a series of disputes seeking recovery of the value of freight lost during multimodal transport from China to Great Britain.

ING BANK

Consulting the bank within the scope of international commercial arbitration in a claim lodged against RTM Group and the guarantor (beneficiary) for the amount of USD 36 mln.

VIMPELCOM

Representing the client's interests in a corporate dispute challenging a transaction involving the acquisition of non-residential premises in Novosibirsk.

GLOBAL LOGISTICS COMPANY

Defense of the company's general director as the accused in a criminal case centering on an instance of environmental pollution stemming from an industrial accident.

RUSSIA'S LEADING OUTSOURCER OF AUXILIARY AND NON-CORE OPERATIONS

Successful defence of the client's interests in the course of a joint tax audit conducted by the RF Federal Tax Service and the Main Economic Security and Anticorruption Directorate of the RF Ministry of Internal Affairs.

TELEVISION CHANNEL 2X2

Defending the television channel against prosecutors' accusations of extremist propaganda in connection with the channel's airing of the South Park cartoon.

OBI

Defending the company's interests in a dispute with an unscrupulous lessor, which had been planning to terminate the lease agreement with the client's largest store anywhere in the world. The dispute was highly complex and unfolded in several RF constituent entities.

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL

Representing the company's interests in a series of disputes involving the termination of lease agreements, the recovery of debt and the seizure of more than 300 pieces of specialized construction equipment in different regions throughout Russia.

CHARTIS (AIG RUSSIA)

Successful recovery of an award from an RF constituent entity – Omsk Region – in favor of the insurance company for the damages the client suffered as a result of the burning of an electrical cable owned by Omsk Region.

INTERNATIONAL FMCG COMPANY

Defending company management under an investigation into fraud among the client's dealers under the distribution of bonuses.

MAJOR PETROLEUM-PRODUCT TRANSPORTER AND SUPPLIER

Defending the interests of the client in a dispute with a Russian sea port in an amount of more than RUB 100 mln.

INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL GROUP

Protecting the company's interests in court disputes involving the contractor's improper performance of work under a contracting agreement for the construction of a factory, as well as the recovery of funds based on a bank guarantee for advance repayment.

ISRAELI PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Effective representation of the company's interests in a series of disputes with distributors stemming from supply contracts for a total amount of more than RUB 1.5 bln.

CITIBANK

Defending the bank's interests in a dispute with Schindler, arising in connection with the lodging of claims under a bank guarantee issued to secure repayment of the advance for construction and-installation work.

PANASONIC RUSSIA

Successful representation of the client's interests in a dispute with a former lessor that had unlawfully withheld company property after expiration of the respective lease agreement.

TRANSSTROMSERVIS

Defense of the company's top management in the course of a criminal investigation looking into allegations of tax evasion on the part of a counterparty.



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Rustam Kurmaev is one of the most prominent trial lawyers in Russia. He is known for his extensive experience in the field of white collar criminal defence and representation of large multinational companies in disputes with governmental authorities, including law enforcement agencies. Rustam is a highly-regarded expert on compliance issues. He has a successful track record of representing the interests of both Russian and foreign clients in general jurisdiction and arbitration courts, as well as the Supreme Arbitration Court of the Russian Federation and the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation. Rustam has, on many occasions, taken part in defending the honour and dignity of political and business figures, as well as the business reputation of major Russian media companies. He is a widely-recognized specialist on issues involving the execution of court rulings, both through the procedures envisioned by law (enforcement proceedings and bankruptcy), as well as through the application of alternative instruments (mediation). He is the winner of the Client Choice Awards 2015-2016 in the nominating category "Russian Litigation," and also the winner of the 2015 Global Corporate Livewire Awards in the category "Anti-Corruption and Compliance". For many years he is consistently a top-rated attorney in the field of dispute resolution according to The Legal 500 EMEA, Chambers & Partners, Best Lawyers in Russia, and the Global Investigation Review 100.

WE VALUE OUR EMPLOYEES AND TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. OUR TEAM IS COMPRISED OF TALENTED AND AMBITIOUS ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE VERY BEST IN THEIR CHOSEN LEGAL FIELD.

IT IS PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON THAT LEADING COMPANIES IN THE RUSSIAN AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS ENTRUST US WITH PROTECTING THEIR INTERESTS – AND WE HAVE GONE ON TO FORM TRUSTING PARTNERSHIPS WITH MANY OF THEM OVER THE YEARS.



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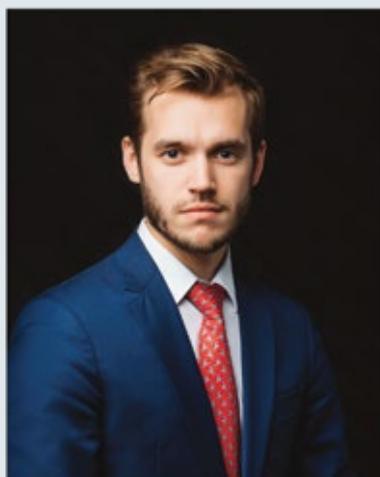
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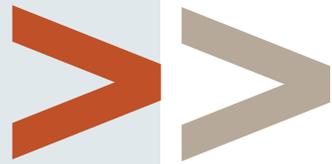
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PJSC Mechel thanks the staff of Rustam Kurmaev & Partners for fruitful cooperation and comprehensive legal support of our activities at the level meeting the highest international quality standards. Rustam Kurmaev's team are reliable partners of PJSC "Mechel" who help us operate in the legal environment on commercially beneficial terms and represent our interests in cooperation with contractors and regulators. We are grateful to the firm's partners Rustam Kurmaev, Dmitry Gorbunov and Dmitry Kletochkin for quick responses to our inquiries and commercially oriented approach to solving important legal issues facing our company.

IGOR V. ZYUZIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MECHEL



Rustam Kurmaev is a highly regarded litigator, representing clients in regulatory and commercial disputes. A client describes him as "practical and pragmatic," adding: "He's a very calm person." He also represents corporate clients in economic crime-related criminal investigations.

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS GLOBAL 2018



Rustam Kurmaev represents the interests of large national companies in domestic corporate and commercial disputes, and also consults international corporations within the scope of financial disputes with their Russian partners. Yet another focus of Rustam's professional endeavors involves the criminal defense of business and internal investigations.

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS EUROPE 2017



A key figure on the market is Rustam Kurmaev – an outstanding specialist in the field of dispute resolution.

THE LEGAL 500 EMEA 2016



Rustam Kurmaev boasts a wealth of experience defending clients in Russian courts at all levels; clients tend to stress his competence in cases involving white-collar crimes committed by employees. As our sources noted "he is an unrivalled expert on the Russian culture of litigation and has keen insight into what needs to be done – not only during the court case itself, but also in the course of subsequent enforcement proceedings.

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS GLOBAL 2013



Rustam Kurmaev is a "brilliant trial attorney".

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