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Biography:

International transactions and disputes connected with the Russian-speaking world are at the center of Alexey's professional interest. His expertise encompasses international M&A deals, international dispute resolution including investor-state and commercial arbitration, and cross-board transactions in a wide range of economic sectors embracing industrial production, raw commodities, natural resources, the energy sector, international trade, and many more. Alexey had vast experience in representing parties by resolving disputes under the rules of various arbitration institutions, as well as in ad-hoc proceedings.

Alexey acquired his law degree at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow and is allowed to represent parties before Russian and international courts and tribunals. He has deepened his knowledge by acquiring an LL.M. degree in international dispute resolution at Humboldt University in

Berlin. Since then, he worked at several prominent international legal firms such as Noerr and Skadden, as well as in dispute resolution boutiques.

Besides practicing law, Alexey is currently studying political sciences at Free University Berlin aiming to widen his understanding of the theoretical aspects of international trade and sanctions regimes. Alexey currently lives in Berlin.

Specialisation:

International arbitration, Russia related business

Current focus:

Protection of international investments in Russia and CIS countries

Working languages:

Russian, English, German

Professional Experience:

- Since 2021 Of Counsel at Kniprath Lopez, Attorneys for Complex Disputes, Berlin
- 2019 – 2020 Foreign Associate at KDB. Legal KOCH BOES, Hamburg International Arbitration (DIS, *ad hoc* UNCITRAL), Russia related business, international maritime and transport law
- 2019 September – October Research associate at Manner Spangenberg, Hamburg International arbitration (CEPANI, *ad hoc* PCA)
- 2019 August Intern at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Frankfurt-am-Main International Arbitration (DIS)
- 2019 April – June Intern at Wagner Arbitration, Berlin Investor-State arbitration (ICSID)
- 2019 March – April Intern at Noerr LLP, Berlin International arbitration (ICC)
- 2013 – 2018 Senior lawyer in the investment department of the Credit Bank of Moscow, Moscow M&A
corporate law, investment law, litigation
- 2011 – 2013 Associate at middle size Russian law firms Sameta and Cliff Legal Services, Moscow
Corporate law, litigation
- 2010 – 2011 Senior lawyer at Hermitage Construction and Management (Development), Moscow
Construction law, land law, litigation
- 2008 – 2010 Lawyer at Agency of Anti-Crisis Technologies and Investments, Moscow
Corporate law, resolution of corporate disputes, litigation

Education:

- Since 2021 Free University, Berlin

Political science, Bachelor of Art

- 2018 - 2019 Humboldt University, Berlin
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Dispute Resolution
- 2003 - 2008 National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Moscow Graduate Diploma in Law (Specialist degree)

Selection of substantive matters:

During working in Russia:

- Numerous M&A projects in the following sectors: petroleum industry, private pension funds, timber industry, agriculture, development, brokerage, banking
- Numerous investment projects in the following sectors: entertainment industry, auto-dealership, development, mining, IT-industry
- Ongoing corporate advice at a large multisectoral concern
- Several large shareholder disputes, including numerous highly contentious shareholder meetings, multiple shareholder actions (including pleas for nullification)
- Numerous court procedures e.g., regarding commercial contract, construction, corporate, and land laws.

During working in Germany:

- Numerous arbitration proceedings, e.g., regarding commercial contract, construction, and corporate laws under the rules of ICC, DIS, CEPANI, UNCITRAL, PCA
- Several investor-State arbitrations under the rules of UNCITRAL und ICSID

Memberships:

German-Russian Lawyers' Association (DRJV)