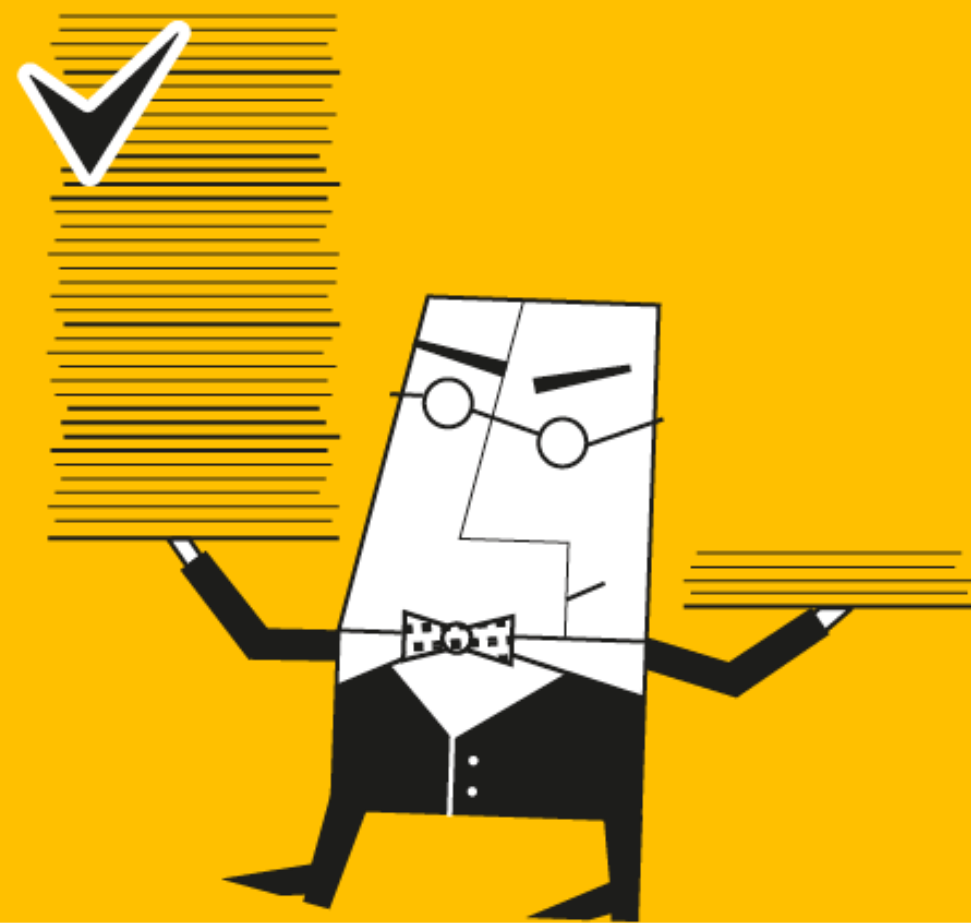




WE WILL PROTECT
YOUR BUSINESS FROM
INSPECTIONS AND
SANCTIONS



THE PRACTICE'S SERVICES AND PROJECTS



Working with Government authorities

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Expert examination of the actions and decisions of government authorities



Preparing for, providing support during and handling the aftermath of state control (supervisory) measures



Defending clients in cases concerning administrative offences



of disputes with government authorities end in a positive result

We perform most of our work with the authorities listed below

- Russian Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (commonly known by the Russian abbreviation 'Rospotrebnadzor')
- Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation
- Tax authorities
- the Federal Agency for Technical Regulation and Metrology (known as 'Rosstandart')
- Federal Service for the Supervision of Communications, Information Technology and Mass Media (known as 'Roskomnadzor')
- the Federal Treasury
- the Federal Environmental, Industrial and Nuclear Supervisory Service (known as 'Rostekhnadzor')
- the Federal Accreditation Service (known as 'Rosaccreditatsiya')
- The Federal Supervisory Natural Resources Management Service (known as 'Rosprirodnadzor')
- the Federal Bailiff Service

Projects: working with government authorities

Protected an agricultural producer in a dispute concerning the granting of a subsidy

Pepeliaev Group's lawyers succeeded in convincing the commercial cassation court that a refusal to grant a subsidy to a major agricultural producer was unlawful. The Client initiated the construction of a pig breeding complex. The investment project was selected to receive subsidies for the reimbursement of a part of the expenses on the payment of interest on loans. In the process, the project was adjusted; the performance and efficiency indicators were changed and, in connection with this, the subsidy was denied. The project was particularly complicated because the defendants in the dispute were a constituent entity of the Russian Federation represented by the regional department of agricultural industry and the Russian Federation represented by the Ministry of Agriculture.

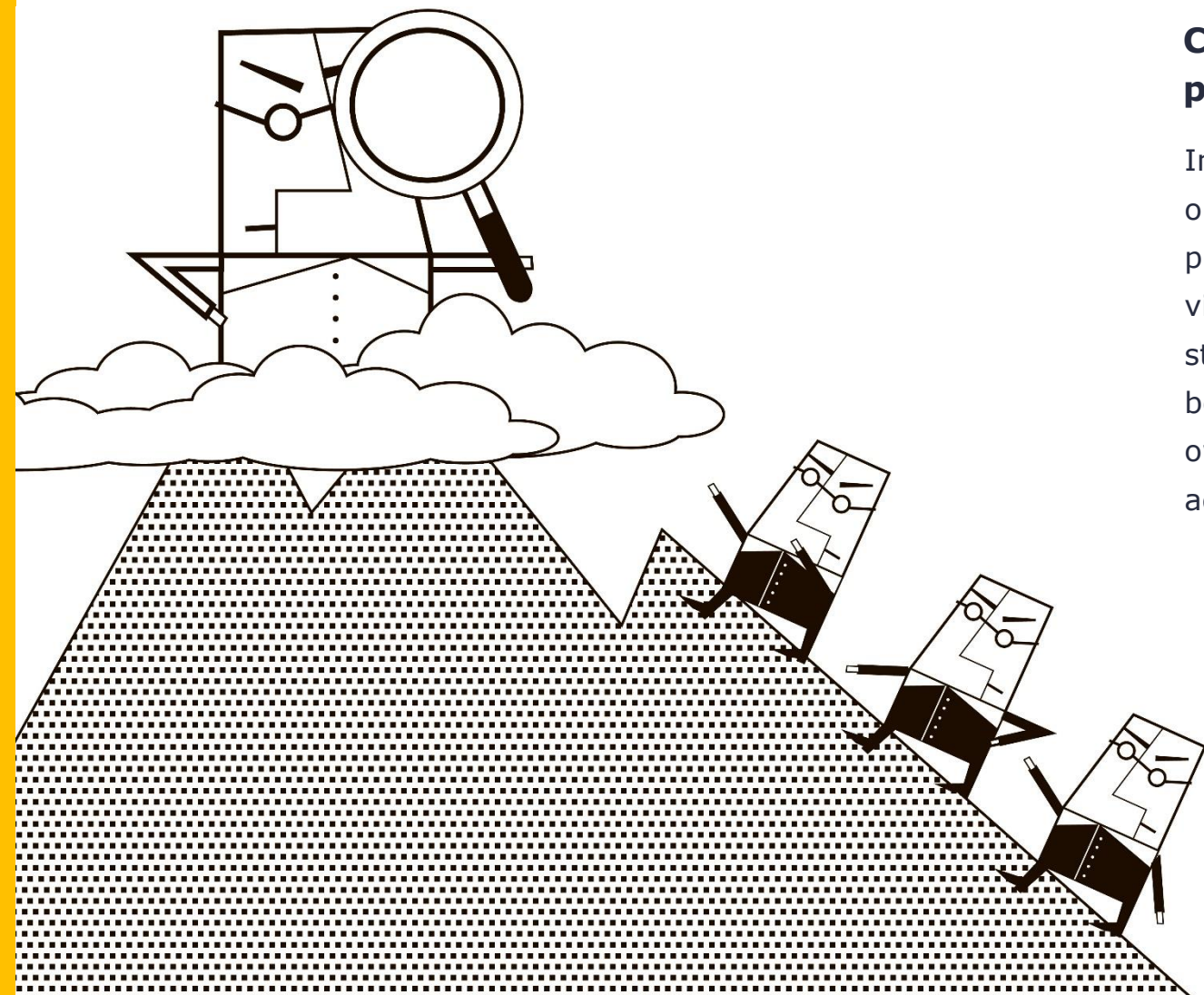
The refund of a fine in an amount of more than RUB 30 million

Our lawyers won a dispute with the tax authority in the state commercial court. The court took the side of our client and declared unlawful a refusal to refund an administrative fine imposed in excess of over RUB 30 million for a currency violation. The tax authority refused to refund the fine, since the resolution to impose it had been performed. But this happened after circumstances arose (a law being amended or the obligation being cancelled for the non-performance of which the sanction was originally imposed), which obliged the tax authority to cease the performance of the resolution. We were able to quickly respond to the change in the judicial practice on such cases and support it.

A contest for a licence for the right to use subsoil resources

Our firm's lawyers successfully represented the interests of a subsoil user in a dispute with the Federal Subsoil Resources Management Agency. The commission of the Ministry of Natural Resources made a decision to terminate early the right to use subsoil resources under a licence granted to our client for the purpose of exploring and extracting minerals at a deposit. The basis of the decision was a violation of the timeframes established by the licence for different stages of the exploration and development of the deposit. Owing to our efforts, the commercial court of appeal set aside the decision to terminate the licence early. The court identified a material violation of the procedure for how a commission of the Ministry of Natural Resources should make a decision.

Projects: working with government authorities



Carried out due diligence in the interests of a large pharmaceutical company

In the interests of a large pharmaceutical company, our lawyers carried out due diligence of compliance with legislation on the circulation of precursors of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. We identified violations and the client was able to eliminate the majority of them. The state inspectors identified violations that were impossible to eliminate because the deadline for filing reports had been missed. However, owing to our efforts, the client was charged only the minimum administrative fine.

Advising on administrative law matters in the areas listed below



Technical regulation



Production of and trade in ethyl alcohol, alcoholic beverages and products containing alcohol



Regulation of trading activities



State control (supervision) and municipal control



Banking and cash register transactions



Currency regulation and control



Defending business entities against groundless consumer claims



Providing for the sanitary and epidemiological safety of the public



Environmental protection and management



The operation of hazardous production facilities



Regulation of the business of enterprises in the agricultural industry



Measures of state financial support being granted



Procurement for state and municipal needs

Projects: Advising on administrative law issues

Regularly advising clients on product compliance matters

Our lawyers advise clients on whether products they manufacture comply with mandatory requirements for them and on the procedures and practice of state control (supervision) over products released for circulation and

the consequences of products released in Russia not complying with the established requirements. This advice helps clients to bring their products and the accompanying documents into compliance with current legislation, to work with maximum efficiency with control (supervisory) authorities and to minimise possible claims.

Advising on matters connected with permission documents for equipment

Our lawyers have helped a manufacturer of insecticides and grain disinfection equipment to identify what permits were necessary for the equipment it is producing, whether licensing or other permits were required for the work of a grain disinfection elevator which was using insecticide and the manufacturer's equipment, what the proper procedure was for replacing equipment at the elevator, and so on. This information has helped the client to understand the Russian market and to work effectively with its customers.

Projects: Advising on administrative law issues

Eliminating violations in the context of performing a state defence order

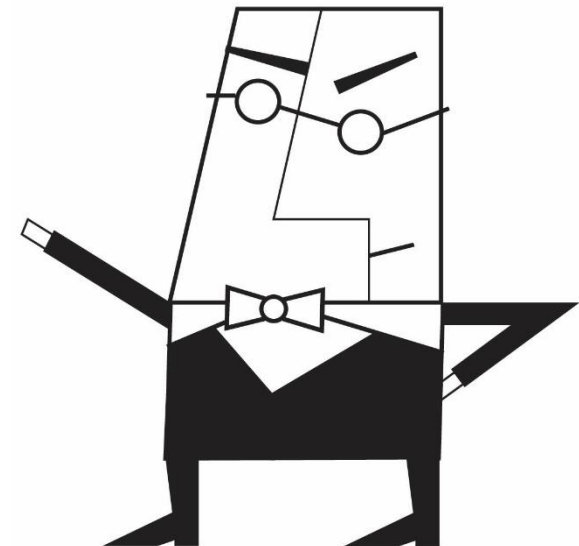
Lawyers of our firm have explained to an IT company the consequences of violating the deadlines of a state contract as part of performing a state defence order. As a result of our advice, a solution was found to eliminate the violations.

Advice on obtaining a license

Our lawyers have advised a bakery products producer on whether it needed to obtain a licence to produce, store and supply the food products containing alcohol that it produced. The client was adding alcohol to its products. Such question arose owing to changes in the regulatory definition of products containing alcohol: a product is treated as such if the amount of alcohol in it exceeds 0.5% (instead of 1.5%) of the volume of ready product. The client's fears were in vain because the technologists had incorrectly calculated the volume of alcohol in the finished product. Our calculation demonstrated that the new development does not apply to the client's products.

Advice on matters concerning currency legislation

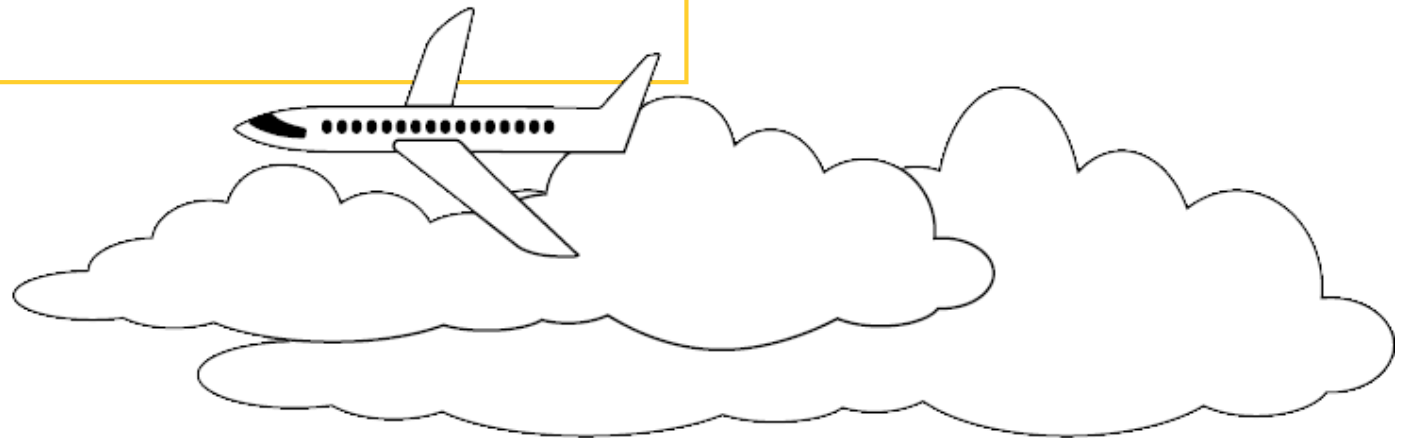
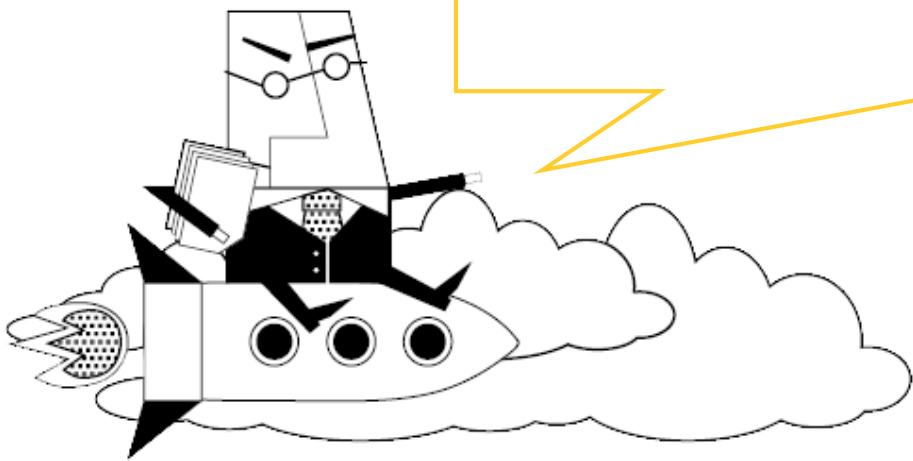
Provided advice on how to comply with currency legislation and on the risks of administrative liability being imposed for a violation of currency legislation when agreements to assign receivables, debt transfer agreements, third party payment agreements and so on are entered into.



Obtaining licences and other permissions and having them reissued



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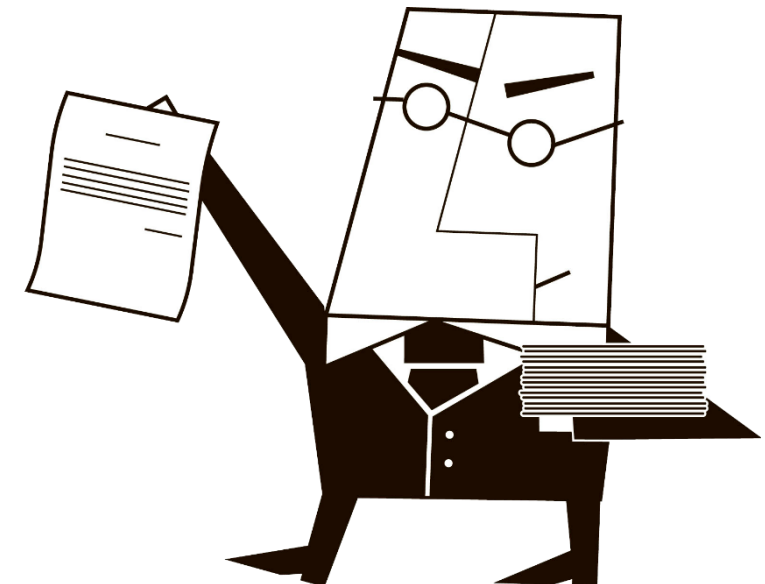


Projects: obtaining licences and other permissions and having them reissued

- Our lawyers have successfully had accompanying documents reissued for a company that was planning to purchase a manufacturing business with its products being supplied to Russia.
- Our firm's lawyers and IT specialists have developed the optimal way to obtain a licence for the technical protection of confidential information with minimal cost outlay on the equipment and technical means needed for this.

In the opinion of the Russian Federal Service for Technical and Export Control (FSTEC), every company which uses technical means to process confidential information needs such a licence. At the same time, carrying out licensed types of activity without a licence gives rise to both administrative liability and criminal liability.

- The team at Pepeliaev Group has provided legal support to major multinational producers of well-known alcohol brands. These companies have obtained licenses from the Federal Service for Alcohol Market Regulation for the purchase, storage and supply of alcohol products.



Legislative drafting, acting as an expert and information services

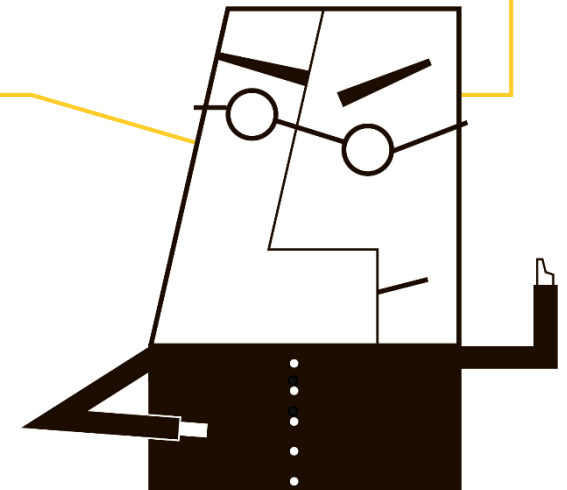


Our experts have taken part in preparing drafts of key regulatory and legal instruments that regulate contacts between state authorities and businesses

- ⇒ Participated in developing and improving
- the Russian Code of Administrative Offences,
 - the Russian Code of Administrative Judicial Proceedings and
 - In working on draft Resolutions of the Plenum of the Russian Supreme Court on how these instruments should be used.

WITH MULTIPLE OFFICES SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY, PEPELIAEV GROUP IS ABLE TO HANDLE A WIDE VARIETY OF DISPUTES DOMESTICALLY AND ACROSS THE WIDER CIS REGION.

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Projects: legislative drafting, acting as an expert and information services

Preparing overviews of legislation and judicial practice

At a time when legislation is constantly changing, Pepeliaev Group's lawyers provide assistance to the legal departments of clients from different fields of industry and business. Our experts prepare regular overviews of legislation and judicial practice, providing detailed comments and practical advice on how new developments and amendments should be applied. This has allowed companies to promptly respond to any amendments and to bring their documents and business processes into line with the new requirements.

Analysing legislation connected with the use of mineral resources

For a large oil company which was planning to develop mineral resources at the continental shelf, Pepeliaev Group's experts analysed the legislation dealing with the use of mineral resources on the continental shelf. They then identified the gaps in such legislation and drafted proposals on how to amend it.

Provided legal support for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

In the context of organising the 2018 FIFA World Cup, our lawyers prepared amendments to the law on organising sports competitions in Russia. As a result, a legal base was created for the successful staging of a major international sports event.

The Team



Yuri Vorobyev

Partner

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Yuri specialises in resolving commercial disputes and, for more than 25 years, he has been providing legal support to clients when conflicts that need to be settled in court either occur or are threatened. He has a significant track record of settling disputes out of court.

WHAT THEY SAY

Pepeliaev Group's team of "well-qualified professionals" is "extremely competent in the litigation sphere", providing "smooth, fast and flexible assistance at a reasonable price" (Legal 500).



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Natalia works in the area of administrative law support for business, providing legal assistance to clients with respect to compliance with administrative procedures when disputes with state authorities either occur or are threatened.

She has substantial experience in resolving conflicts both out of court and through court proceedings.

WHAT THEY SAY

"The team explains and offers an intelligible interpretation of Russian legislation as well as practical solutions to legal issues" (Chambers Europe).

The Team



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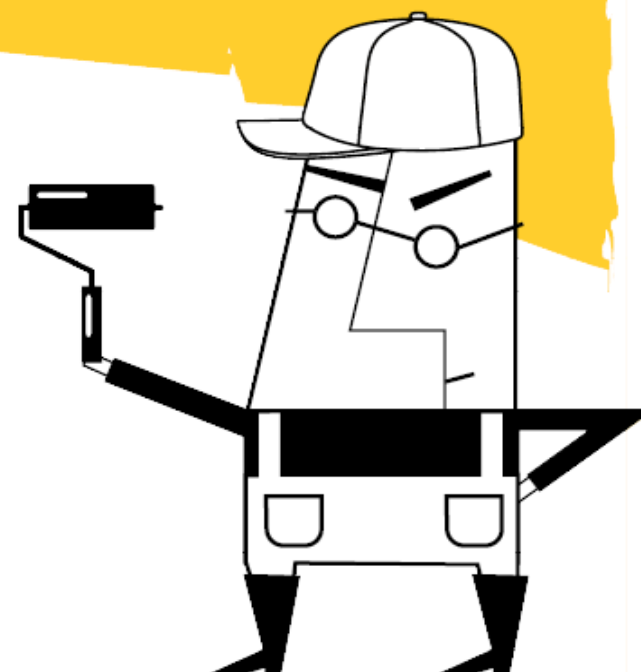
Elena specialises in dealing with public authorities, providing legal support to clients during state supervisory measures (inspections), handling cases concerning administrative offences, representing clients in administrative disputes. She has vast experience in resolving disputes out of court and settling conflicts with administrative authorities as well as in handling all types of administrative cases in Russian courts of different levels.

WHAT THEY SAY

Clients say that 'the team works very quickly and is ready to help at any time under any circumstances.'(Chambers Europe).

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ACROSS MULTIPLE
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Tax advice &
tax disputes



Administrative law
defence of business



Banking and
finance practice



Bankruptcy



Family and
inheritance law



Employment and
migration law



Customs law and
foreign trade
regulation



Currency regulation
and currency control



International litigation
and arbitration



Corporate law / M&A



Antitrust regulation



Dispute resolution
and mediation



Criminal law defence
of business



Legal protection
of information



Real estate & construction



Intellectual property
and trademarks



Environment



Telecommunications,
media and IT



Digital group



Life sciences

Geographical Coverage

Chinese Desk

- Support for Chinese investors in Russia and for Russian investors in China.
- We have strategic partners on the Chinese market.
- Comprehensive legal support.

Korean Desk

- Legal advice to Korean companies in Russia and to Russian investors in Korea.

Middle East Desk

- Providing services that involve tax structuring and tax advice in the UAE and in Persian Gulf countries.

