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## **BIOGRAPHY**

Elena is a UK Solicitor Advocate and Associate in the International Arbitration group in London experienced in complex, cross-border commercial disputes involving Russia-related parties with focus on international arbitration. Elena is also experienced in litigation before the High Court and has particular experience of shareholder disputes and fraud allegations.

Elena is also a Russian advocate registered with Ryazan Bar.

Elena is a native Russian speaker and also speaks Slovak.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Law Society
- Ryazan Bar Chamber of the Russian Federation

## **ADMISSIONS**

- England and Wales
- Russian Federation
- Astana International Financial Centre Court (AIFC Court)

## **RELATED PRACTICE AREAS**

- International Arbitration
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Acting for the Defendants in a claim for relief for unfair prejudice (and associated proceedings for injunctive relief), arising out of the alleged diversion of a multi-million dollar commercial opportunity for the purchase of an oilfield in Kazakhstan, before the AIFC Court.
- Part of BCLP team representing GFH Capital in a high-profile case involving \$5 million fraud allegations against its former employee, ex-Leeds United boss David Haigh, in DIFC court and enforcement proceedings in the High Court (incl. applications for worldwide freezing order and proprietary injunctions)
- Part of BCLP team representing a wealthiest Chinese client in the High Court proceedings over fraud allegations against a close business associate, involving interim measures over rarest cars and diamonds
- Part of BCLP team representing a Russian shareholder in a US \$ 300 million joint venture dispute in relation to a valuable area of commercial real estate in central Moscow. LCIA arbitration in London followed by Commercial Court proceedings and involved complex jurisdiction issues, minority oppression claims, and court challenges on grounds of jurisdiction and procedural unfairness

- Part of BCLP team representing a Luxemburg-based client in a complex LCIA arbitration arising out of a breach of shareholders' agreement and acts of unfair prejudice in relation to the biggest Russian online retailer. LCIA arbitration in London, involving complex jurisdiction issues and interim measures (incl. freezing injunctions), followed by a High Court challenge of the arbitration award and resulted in enforcement proceedings in various jurisdictions, including British Virgin Islands, Cyprus and Malta
- Advising one of the largest Russian insurers on issues of Russian law in a US \$ 300 million insurance dispute over a diamond mine accident resulted in a settlement agreement reached between the parties involved
- Advising an UAE oil company in a Russia-related case in relation to contractual and non-contractual liability of the parties involved. The matter involved complex jurisdictional issues as well as complex issues of substantial law under English and Russian law
- Acting for a Russian bank in a US \$ 300 million dispute in a complex fraudulent misrepresentations case before the LCIA Court in London. LCIA arbitration involves complex issues of Russian and English law as well as jurisdiction issues and interim measures in various jurisdictions and is complicated by issuance of parallel state court proceeding in Russia

## RESOURCES

### PUBLICATIONS

PLC Arbitration blog (11 June 2020) "[Walking the line: independence and the party-appointed expert](#)"

PLC Arbitration blog (4 July 2019) "[Arbitrating corporate disputes in Russia: the conditions and what they mean for arbitration clauses](#)"

## RELATED INSIGHTS

News

Jun 01, 2023

**BCLP acts in the largest case in history of Astana International Financial Centre Court**

Awards

Oct 02, 2020

**Legal 500 UK 2021**