

New Partner in Dispute Resolution and Mediation Practice, Pepeliaev Group

In August 2010 **Denis Bykov** was appointed partner of **Pepeliaev Group** in charge of the ***Dispute Resolution and Mediation Practice***.

Denis has been working as a lawyer for more than 10 years. He joined Pepeliaev Group in 2007, rising from lawyer to partner. Denis litigates numerous cases in courts of all instances, including the Supreme Arbitration Court, Supreme Court and Constitutional Court. He focuses on commercial consulting and judicial dispute resolution, as well as the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards within the scope of international commercial arbitration. Denis also has extensive experience and in-depth knowledge of virtually all areas of corporate litigation; he successfully litigated a number of complex bankruptcy cases and has defended clients in criminal proceedings on economic crimes. In the sphere of IP and protection of competition Denis headed a number of major judicial projects, including protection of rights to trade marks and service marks, as well as appellations of origin, bans on the dissemination of misleading advertisements, copyright protection, introduction of measures to prevent the disclosure of confidential information and challenges against the illegal registration of domain names.

Denis also assisted in introducing the practice of recognising and enforcing foreign court decisions in Russia, where there were no relevant international treaties.

Clients cite the impeccable quality and efficiency of his work in dispute resolution and the settlement of corporate conflicts.

Dispute resolution and mediation practice:

- extrajudicial dispute resolution
- enforcement of court decisions
- international commercial arbitration and judicial proceedings
- administrative disputes
- judicial proceedings (relating to real estate and contracts, insurance and reinsurance, debt recovery, antimonopoly legislation, bankruptcy, IP protection, trade finance, disputes with shareholders, protection from slander and libel in the mass media, etc.)

The appointment of Denis Bykov as Pepeliaev Group Partner represents a logical step in the development of the dispute resolution and mediation practice. Pepeliaev Group Managing Partner Sergei Pepeliaev notes: "We have observed a trend where businesses need more legal support to resolve conflicts in judicial and extrajudicial proceedings. Therefore, we are developing and improving this area of our firm's services."

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Pepeliaev Group is the largest full-service law firm operating in Russia today. The firm has more than 180 attorneys based in two offices in Moscow and St Petersburg that render legal services.

Key practice areas include: legal support for investment projects, tax law and tax disputes; corporate/commercial/M&A practice; antimonopoly regulation; land, real estate and construction; dispute resolution; intellectual property; employment and migration law; banking practice; customs and foreign

trade regulation; administrative support for business and criminal defence for business; services for various industrial sectors: telecommunications, pharmaceuticals & healthcare, fuel and energy, financial institutions, FMCG, etc.

According to ratings published by **Expert RA**, from 2003 to 2009 **Pepeliaev Group** was recognised as the top Russian law and advisory firm. Moreover, according to Expert RA, Pepeliaev Group is the leading Russian law and tax advisory firm in 17 industries.

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