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Leonid is one of the leading M&A lawyers. He has led business sale and acquisition deals in the chemical sector, retail, transport, power and commercial property sectors. Leonid possesses a wealth of experience in cross-border dispute resolution in state courts and international arbitration.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Russian

- Successfully representing the Government of St Petersburg in a USD 0.5 billion investment dispute in an ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules in Stockholm
- Acting for the third largest crude-oil trader in the world on the acquisition of an oil terminal in Ust-Luga
- Advising a leading global oil company on a cross-border purchase of shares in a company producing hydrocarbons at a hydrocarbon field in Russia
- Advising a leading international marine engineering company on a USD 100 million construction arbitration at the ICC with a major Russian infrastructure constructor
- Representing one of the largest international financial investors and Russian shareholders in a cross-border transaction on the partial sale and establishment of a joint venture in relation to the leading retail chain in the "drogerie" segment in Russia
- Advising a beneficiary of a Russian retail chain on the defence strategy in a multi-jurisdictional corporate dispute worth USD 100 million related to LCIA arbitration in London, BVI state courts and Cypriot state courts
- Advising one of the largest port developers in Russia on a joint venture refinancing arrangement with a leading bank in Russia
- Advising Singapore-listed commodity trader Noble Group on its disposal of 49% equity interest in Triumph Alliance to Prime Asia Corporation

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Oil and Gas
- International Arbitration
- Real Estate Investment
- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Real Estate
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

English Russian

- Acting for a major international business in an ICSID case against a CEE country
- Acting for a Eastern European country in a BIT arbitration against an investor

CREDENTIALS

Education

- St Petersburg State University, Law Faculty, Bachelor of Law, 2006
- St Petersburg State University, Law Faculty, Master of Law, 2008
- St Petersburg State University, Law Faculty, PhD in Law, 2011

INSIGHTS

Publications

Russia Insolvency and Arbitration Toolkit

31 March 2021

The Toolkit on Insolvency and Arbitration covers 19 jurisdictions and provides guidance to parties, counsel and arbitrators in situations where a party to arbitration proceedings is also subject to insolvency proceedings in one or more jurisdictions.

The Russian Supreme Court's first ever Plenum Resolution on Arbitration

13 March 2020

In December 2019 the Russian Supreme Court issued its first ever Plenum Resolution on Arbitration. A Supreme Court Plenum Resolution is a court act of the highest level, is binding for lower state courts and usually serves as a "bible" for judges dealing with the relevant topic.

Leonid is the author of a monography "Commercial investments in real estate: legal regulation" (Moscow, Infotropic Media, 2012) and a series of articles on investment law and international arbitration.

The recent include:

- Arbitration Changes in Russia: Revolution or Evolution? / Journal of International Arbitration 35, no. 2 (2018)
- Challenging the Competence of an Arbitral Tribunal / International Commercial Arbitration Review no. 2 (2017)