

Representative Legal Matters

Andrei Yorsh

Dispute Resolution

- Represented a subsidiary of a major Russian mobile operator in a license and tax dispute with the Uzbekistan government.
- Represented a subsidiary of a global brewer in a tax dispute with the Uzbekistan government.
- Represented a subsidiary of an international cement producer in a tax dispute with Uzbekistan government and criminal investigation.
- Represented the subsidiaries of AES in various tax and anti-monopoly disputes.
- Represented a consortium of major international construction companies in a dispute under ICC rules regarding the construction of an airport in Kazakhstan. This is one of the largest construction disputes in Kazakhstan. The project volume is approximately USD 64 million.
- Represented an international foods producer in a dispute with Kazakhstan anti-monopoly authorities.
- Represented a global software and services provider in a debt restructuring dispute.
- Advised a subsidiary of a leading international steel producer in connection with a dispute related to the ownership of assets acquired under one of the largest privatization agreements in Kazakhstan.
- Represented an international software company in a dispute with a local customer.
- Represented an international oil service company in challenging administrative orders and the Labor Inspectorate's notices.

Intellectual Property

- Represented an American computer and equipment producer in several IP disputes and IP enforcement in Kazakhstan.
- Represented an American luxury headphones producer in IP enforcement disputes in Kazakhstan.
- Represented a Japanese spare parts producer in IP enforcement disputes in Kazakhstan.
- Represented a Japanese spark plugs producer in IP enforcement disputes in Kazakhstan.

Baker McKenzie.

- Represented a major Japanese electronics company in connection with the litigation in Kazakhstan related to illegal use of domain name. This was a pioneer case in Kazakhstan regarding infringement in the Internet.
- Represented a subsidiary of a leading international software company in connection with the open source license agreement with a Belarusian counterpart.

Employment

- Represented a leading pharmaceutical & healthcare company in a dispute with the former Head of Representative office in Almaty.
- Represented a large international software company in court proceedings initiated by a terminated employee claiming reinstatement.
- Represented an international service company in connection with the negotiations with the trade unions and executing collective bargaining agreement.

Pharmaceutical

- Represented a large Indian pharmaceutical company in trademark cancellation cases in Kazakhstan.
- Prepared a memorandum concerning registration regulations and the launch of new drugs in Belarus for an international pharmaceuticals company.
- Prepared a memorandum concerning the recall of drugs in Belarus for an international pharmaceutical company.

Trade & Commerce

- Advised the government of a sovereign state in Central Asia in connection with a complex cross-border pipeline project.
- Advised a major European automobile manufacturer in connection with the revision of the sub-leasing agreement template in accordance with the legislation of Kazakhstan.
- Advised a Lithuanian manufacturer on protectionist measures limiting the importation of cigarette filters by Belarus.
- Prepared memoranda concerning requirements for labeling beers for an international brewer.
- Prepared memoranda concerning the requirements for importing and exporting special and military goods.

Banking & Finance

- Advised a large Chinese bank on the legal risks in connection with the credit agreement with a Belarusian IT and telecommunications company.
- Advised on investment risks in connection with a loan agreement between a foreign bank, a British company and a Belarusian manufacturing company.
- Advised on investment risks in connection with a loan agreement between a Belarusian bank and a Polish bank.

- Conducted brief due diligence on the restructure of a Belarusian bank's debts to international banks.
- Prepared recommendations for changing Belarusian law on the issues of depositary receipts and prepared a draft of the president's decree on the issuance of depositary receipts.

Tax

- Advised on the creation of a decree on tax benefits for Belarusian manufacturers.

M&A

- Advised a purchaser in connection with the acquisition of 51% of the shares of a subsidiary of an international automobile manufacturing company in Belarus.
- Advised a Russian brewer in connection with the purchasing of 51% of the shares of largest Belarusian brewer, including due diligence, obtaining antimonopoly clearances and preparation of all transaction documents.
- Advised an investor in the sale of blocking shares in a Belarusian telecommunications company.
- Advised a foreign investor in connection with the incorporation of a company rendering communication services in Belarus.
- Advised local and foreign investors in connection with the incorporation of more than 300 companies in Belarus.
- Conducted due diligence on the sale of a Belarusian subsidiary of a large Swedish company.
- Advised an international bank in connection with the incorporation of a local bank with the participation of multinational banks and European financial institutions.
- Conducted due diligence on the merger of the Belarusian subsidiary of a Russian foods producer with an international foods company.

FCPA

- Prepared hospitality guidelines for an international nuclear science laboratory.