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## EXPERIENCE

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### DENTONS SOUTH AFRICA, Cape Town

*Foreign Qualified Legal Advisor | May 2015 – December 2015*

MEMBER OF THE TEAM REPRESENTING CLIENTS IN COMPLEX CROSS-BORDER TRANSACTIONS, VARIOUS CORPORATE, FINANCING AND REGULATORY MATTERS, IN PARTICULAR, IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND VARIOUS MATTERS RELATED TO PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

### CURTIS, MALLET-PREVOST, COLT & MOSLE LLP, Washington, D.C.

*Foreign Associate | February 2010 – August 2014*

MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION GROUP FOCUSING ON INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION, COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ENERGY, CONSTRUCTION AND AGRICULTURE

Represented states and state-owned entities in high-profile international arbitration proceedings under rules of International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and ICC arbitrations.

- Member of global legal team that successfully represented state in high profile politicized investor-state arbitration in oil and gas sector involving over \$1 billion claim.
- Member of global legal team that successfully represented state in investor-state arbitration under UNCITRAL arbitration rules in \$100 million agricultural claim.
- Member of global legal team that successfully represented state in investor-state arbitration in agricultural sector involving more than \$200 million claim.
- Member of global legal team representing state in ongoing investor-state arbitration in mining sector.

Representative work:

- Participated in drafting submissions and statements, conducted legal research and analysis of substantive defenses and procedural issues related to international arbitrations.
- Worked with expert and factual witnesses, collaborated with legal teams from other offices of the firm in interviewing witnesses and reviewing documents in respondent state.
- Analyzed laws and identified legal issues based upon law of respondent state to help shape defense and evaluate strength of expert witness testimony.
- Assisted witnesses and experts with preparation of their statements, opinions, and reports. Prepared witnesses and experts for cross-examination during hearings.
- Assisted partners leading the cases with preparation for the hearings, including drafting the parts of opening and closing statements.
- Prepared cross-examination questions to the opposing party's witnesses and experts.
- Managed teams of junior lawyers and paralegals performing document review and translations from Russian to English and from English to Russian for use in arbitration submissions.

MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE GROUP REPRESENTING GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, ON AN ARRAY OF TRADE MATTERS AFFECTING CROSS-BORDER TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES.

- Represented states and companies in antidumping and countervailing duties investigations by the United States International Trade Commission and the United States Department of Commerce. Representative work:
  - Drafted parts of submissions in countervailing duties investigations.
  - Reviewed and verified client responses to the questionnaires of the United States Department of Commerce.

- Performed daily case management, coordinate work with local co-counsels and clients in the course of countervailing duties investigations.
- Supervised and coordinated performance by the team of submission filings with the United States Department of Commerce.

MEMBER OF CORPORATE PRACTICE GROUP FOCUSING ON WIDE RANGE OF CORPORATE MATTERS AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS WITH FOCUS ON OIL AND GAS SECTOR

- Member of global legal team advising private companies and state entities in structuring, negotiation and drafting of full range of international petroleum contracts, project finance and cross-border transactions.

**ORRICK, HERRINGTON AND SUTCLIFFE LLP**, Washington, D.C.

*International Legal Specialist/Assistant* | August 2007 - September 2009

MEMBER OF LEGAL TEAM REPRESENTING RUSSIAN COMPANIES AND INVESTORS IN INTERNATIONAL MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS, CROSS-BORDER TRANSACTIONS, AND CORPORATE FINANCING.

- Drafted and reviewed transactional and ancillary documents for international transactions and corporate projects, including projects related to real property in Russia, mergers and acquisitions, commercial, intellectual property and various regulatory matters.
- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda, due diligence reports and other corporate documents.
- Assisted during closings of various transactions related to corporate restructuring.
- Participated in pre-arbitration analysis of documents, drafted reports and correspondence with the opposing party in contemplation of a commercial arbitration proceedings in oil and gas sector.
- Prepared client alerts with respect to important changes in Russian law related to corporate law developments, tax treaties, offshore companies, and property liens.
- Participated in pro bono work for World Bank's "Doing Business In" initiative.

**DENTON WILDE SAPTE**, Moscow, Russia

*Law Clerk* | November 2004 - August 2005

MEMBER OF LEGAL TEAM REPRESENTING INTERESTS OF FOREIGN INVESTORS DOING BUSINESS IN RUSSIA, IN PARTICULAR, IN ENERGY SECTOR.

- Conducted legal research and analysis; drafted memoranda, contracts, corporate documentation.
- Prepared parts of pre- and post- acquisition due diligence reports.
- Participated in negotiations and client meetings.
- Coordinated process of incorporation of legal entities in Russia by foreign investors; prepared client legal updates; interacted with Russian federal securities service and anti-monopoly authorities with respect to the legal interpretation of new legislation.

**LAW CRAFT ADVOCATE FIRM**, Almaty, Kazakhstan

*Law Clerk* | January - August 2000

- Prepared documents for civil trials, drafted contracts, memoranda, and corporate documents.

**EDUCATION**

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**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**, Washington, D.C.

*Master of Laws*, General LL.M. | 2007

- Recipient, Thomas Buergenthal Scholarship, merit-based, full-tuition scholarship
- Member, International Law Society

**UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI**, Helsinki, Finland

*Master Diploma Program*, Contract and Commercial Law | 2006 (equivalent to U.S. LL.M. degree)

**MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**, Moscow, Russia

*Degree in Economics, Banking, Finance and Credit* | 2004 (equivalent to U.S. bachelor's degree in economics)

**ACADEMY OF JURISPRUDENCE - HIGHER SCHOOL OF LAW "ADILET,"** Almaty, Kazakhstan

*Law Degree, Civil Law* | 2000 (equivalent to joint bachelor's and law degree in U.S.)

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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- New York | 2010
- Russian Federation | 2003
- Kazakhstan | 2000
- Washington D.C. | Admitted as Special Legal Consultant | 2014

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- DC Bar

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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- International Law Institute (Washington D.C.) – International Arbitration Course / International Investment Agreements and Investor-State Arbitration (co-lecturer) | December 2013
- Dentons South Africa Practitioners' Event – Presentation / Russian Market

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Legal Trends and Developments of International Arbitration in South Africa, Transnational Dispute Management (TDM) Special Issue on Africa, TDM 4 (2016)

#### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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- English – fluent
- Russian – native