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Julia is a senior associate in the litigation and arbitration team.

She has broad commercial litigation and arbitration experience, with a particular focus on cases involving civil and financial fraud, as well as contract and shareholder disputes. Julia has assisted in applications for interim relief, such as worldwide freezing, asset disclosure, receivership and other interim relief orders. She has acted on a number of cases involving cross-border enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards and tracing and recovery of assets in multiple jurisdictions.

As a native Russian speaker, Julia has acted in a number of cases involving parties from Russia, Ukraine and the CIS. However, her overall experience is much broader and involves acting for parties based in the UK, Europe, UAE, Cyprus, the BVI and other jurisdictions. Many of Julia's cases have been complex and involved instructing foreign counsel, private investigators as well as experts in foreign law and forensic accountants.

Julia has also advised clients on cross-border insolvency under the Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006 and assisted on several LCIA and ICC arbitrations concerning contract, joint venture and shareholder disputes.

Track record

Shareholder dispute

Assisted on a shareholder dispute between two groups of shareholders in a UK company which was heard in the High Court (Insolvency and Companies List) and which resulted in declarations in favour of the Claimants represented by Withers: *Kamenetskiy v Zolotarev* [2023] EWHC 2619 (Ch).

Construction arbitration

Assisted on an ICC construction arbitration dispute involving a state-owned company (the Respondent) and an Italian Claimant. This arbitration involved complex assignment and foreign law issues, which necessitated instruction of foreign law experts in Ukrainian, Italian and French law.

Partnership dispute

Assisted on a complex partnership dispute between two Russian businessmen which culminated in a High Court trial, with judgment of over US\$ 7.5 million for the Claimant represented by Withers: *Bestolov v Povarenkin* [2019] EWHC 1992 (Comm).

Joint venture dispute

Assisted on a complex joint venture dispute in relation to a valuable asset in Moscow, *Trekhgornaya Manufaktura: Danilina v Chernukhin* [2018] EWHC 39 (Comm); [2018] EWHC 2503 (Comm). The case involved a successful appeal to the Court of Appeal on security for costs: [2018] EWCA Civ 1802.

Financial fraud

Assisted on two reported cases brought by a creditor Russian bank against beneficial owners of debtor companies: *JSC BM Bank v Vladimir Kekhman and others* [2018] EWHC 791 (Comm) and *JSC BM Bank v Andrey Chernyakov and others* [2016] EWHC 2583; [2017] EWHC 2564. In *JSC BM Bank v Vladimir Kekhman* there were findings of complex financial fraud and manipulation of financial accounts, on which forensic accountants prepared an expert report. The Defendant's knowledge of and involvement in the fraud was disputed and was inferred by the court based on all the evidence presented to it and on the results of the cross-examination, during which the Defendant proved to be a thoroughly dishonest witness.

Investment fraud case

Represented a Swiss financier in a complex investment fraud case: *ENG King Limited and another v Vincent Petrillo* [2016] EWHC 3801 (Comm).

External publications

'Securities that are impacted by sanctions against Russia' - TL4 Disputes Magazine, Issue 8, 2023

Admissions

England and Wales, 2016

Education

University of London, LLB (Hons) Law

Languages

English
Russian

Key dates

Year joined: 2018

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