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Educational/Professional Memberships

Magna cum Laude (1995), Faculty of Law, St.Petersburg State University, St.Petersburg, Russia
Diploma cum Laude (1989), College of Avionics Engineering And Automation, St.Petersburg, Russia
Advocate//St. Petersburg Bar Association
An Officer of the Board // Russian Arbitration Association
Executive Committee member // Swedish Arbitration Association

Panels of arbitrators: SIAC; VIAC; Austrian Federal Economic Chamber; ICDR (including Energy Arbitrators List); Vilnius Court of commercial Arbitration; Arbitration Court attached to the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic; Arbitration Centre of Mexico (CAM); Arbitration Tribunal at St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry; HKIAC

Current Position

Egorov, Puginsky, Afanasiev & Partners Law Offices (St.Petersburg, Russia), Managing Partner
Faculty of Law, St. Petersburg State University, Lecturer at the Department of Civil Law

Professional Experience

A visible Russian dignitary in the arbitration world, Nikiforov was once labelled as “a towering figure in the market”, and praised by his peers for universalist lawyer.

25 years practising as a disputes lawyer in international arbitration and litigation, construction, intellectual property law and development projects. A founding member and the managing partner at Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners. Lecturer at the Faculty of Law in St. Petersburg State University since 1996.

Qualified in computer engineering, Nikiforov has an edge in all matters that draw upon technology: IP/IT, construction, turnkey plant, licensing, alternative energy.

Arbitration Experience

20+ years in the field. Handled dozens of arbitration cases on behalf of Russian and foreign parties and government instrumentalities relating to commercial disputes, lending, sales of goods, building and construction matters, IP/IT matters, project finance, privatization, M&A, turnkey plant, services matters, etc. Acted as a Sole Arbitrator or a Tribunal Member / Chair under the auspices of the SCC, ICC, ICAC Moscow, SIAC, ad hoc (including UNCITRAL). Number of awards issued counts to 20.

Executive Committee member of the Swedish Arbitration Association, board member of Russian Arbitration Association. Has served as Vice-Chair of ICC Commission on Arbitration and Councilor of LCIA European Users' Council. Past officer of IBA Arbitration Committee, and ABA Eurasia committee.

Acclaimed by Chambers as an Eminent Practitioner and by WWL as a Thought Leader in Arbitration.

Publications

Ilya Nikiforov co-authored one of the leading Commentaries to the Civil Code of the Russian Federation (vol. I-IV, 2006-2018). Publication portfolio counts 100+ pieces on commercial laws and international private law & dispute resolution.

- Chapter “International Commercial Arbitration Practice in the Russian Federation” in: International Commercial Arbitration Practice: 21st Century Perspectives (2020)
- Chapter on “Russia” in: IBA Arbitration Guide (2017)
- Russian Law Deskbook (RLD). Russia Corporate, Financial, and Commercial Law, ed. Scott Alexander Shostak, 2018
- “Interpretation of Article V of the New York Convention by Russian Courts – Due Process, Arbitrability, and Public Policy Grounds for non-Enforcement”, in: Journal of International Arbitration, Vol. 25, № 6, December 2008
- Contracts for construction under the FIDIC rules: practical use and interpretation, co-author with Lukas Klee, 2016
- The UNCITRAL arbitration rules 2010 (with the new paragraph 4 of article 1 adopted in 2013): Workbook, 2015
- Commentary to the Arbitration Rules of the Leading Arbitral Institutions / ed. R. Chlup (ed.), 2012
- Civil law: Textbook / ed. A. Sergeev. Moscow, 2018
- International Commercial Arbitration: Textbook / O. Skvortsov, M. Savranskiy, G. Sevastianov (eds). St. Petersburg, Moscow, 2018

Languages

English, Russian