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- Spotlight on **contentious trusts and private client disputes** in the post-Pugachev era
- Resolving **director and shareholder disputes** involving Former Soviet Union parties

## NEW FOR 2020:

**Working Group A**  
**FUNDING** CROSS-BORDER  
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5 SKILLS TO PROTECT  
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# Leading Resolution and Recovery Event

## Covering Russia and Other Former Soviet Union Jurisdictions

Every January, the leading arbitrators, litigators and investigators – recognised across the globe as “the go-to” lawyers for the CIS-related disputes – gather in London for the annual conference on “**International Disputes and Asset Recovery involving Former Soviet Union Parties**” hosted by C5. Widely recognised as the platform for developing long-term connections in this lucrative market, the conference tackles highly contentious issues related to complex cross-border investigations, multi-jurisdictional asset tracing and enforcement issues involving local Governments, state-owned corporations, multinationals, financial institutions, family offices and (ultra) HNWIs.

### What Attendees Say About This Conference:

“It is one of the few events I attend during the year, which is not without the reason. It is very well organised, as well as quite relevant for me in terms of deepening the knowledge and establishing the connections with the relevant professionals.”

Anna Grishchenkova, KIAP (Russia)

“... this was substantively the best C5 conference I have yet attended. Intense and interactive. An excellent program.”

Noah Rubins, Head Global CIS/ Russia Dispute Resolution Practice Group, Freshfields (France)

“Excellent content and very reputable speakers representing a wide range of countries. Consistently one of the best legal conferences in London, and a must-attend event for any lawyer who comes across Russia and CIS element in his practice.”

Julia Smirnova, Rustam Kurmaev and Partners (Russia)

“Relevant topics and excellent speakers. Congratulations on a great event!”

Natalja Petrik, SCC (Sweden)

**Register** today to obtain a complete picture of the legal changes, tactics and strategies for resolving cases and enforcing awards involving parties from the CIS and other FSU states, and be sure to reap the rewards that exist in this market.

### The 2020 Conference Will Offer You:



**ACCESS** to international opinion leaders in the field of complex dispute resolution



**IN-DEPTH COVERAGE** the most recent defining cases on jurisdiction especially for CIS disputes



**DOs and DONT's** of investigating multijurisdictional, multi-party cases arising out of CIS jurisdictions



**BEST PRACTICE** for managing parallel civil and criminal proceedings



**TIPS and TRAPS** for managing an asset recovery process



**PLUS! Advanced Working Groups**

**A:** Funding Cross-Border Cases

**B:** 5 Skills to Protect Your Clients Before, During and After the CIS Raid

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# Benchmark with Global and Regional Thought Leaders:



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Partner, Head of Russia & CIS Disputes  
**Osborne Clarke LLP (UK)**



**Natalia Petrik**  
Legal Counsel  
**Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (Sweden)**



**Maxim Kulkov**  
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**KK&P | Trial Lawyers (Russia)**



**Oliver Marsden**  
Partner – Disputes, Litigation and Arbitration  
**Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (UK)**



**Jason Woodland**  
Partner, Commercial Litigation, Civil Fraud and Asset Tracing  
**Peters & Peters (UK)**



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**Brick Court Chambers (UK)**



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**Andrej Gribanov**  
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**Dr. iur. (Russia)**

“A great conference to learn about and discuss the latest developments and make connections in a friendly environment.”

Iain Fergusson, FSU Law (Russia)

“The conference was excellently organised and ran like clockwork. The speakers were of a high calibre and at the top of their fields, while the topics discussed were both interesting and of importance to those dealing with disputes involving parties from the CIS and Russia. I look forward to attending next year and having the chance to interact with high quality attendees from all over the world that the conference attracts in abundance.”

Ben Wells, Pinsent Mason (UK)

“The conference is a gathering of the best minds with the most knowledge. I already look forward to 2020!”

Roman Zykov, Secretary General Russian Arbitration Association (Russia)

“This is a “must go to” conference for every practitioner active to any extent in this field and with implications to the region. Attendees will be able to meet and take advantage of a multinational pantheon of asset recovery / defence lawyers, who face similar challenges in their international practices and are open to share their experiences, including tips and tricks, and their analyses of the latest trends.”

Bettina Knoetzel, Partner, KNOETZL (Austria)

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# WORKING GROUP A

Monday, 27 January 2020

13.30 – 16.30 (Registration starts at 13.15)

## Funding Cross-Border Cases

Through a variety of exercises and real-life scenarios, the leaders will provide you with thorough guidance on risks and benefits of third party funding.

- What type of cases are appropriate for third party funding?
- Getting your case ready. By what means can investors participate and to what extent?
- The finer points of negotiating funding agreements.
- Disclosure obligations and conflict of interests. Attitude of Judges towards funded claims
- Security of costs
- Regulation
- Particular challenges for CIS cases

# CONFERENCE DAY ONE

Tuesday, 28 January 2020

08.15  
Registration, Refreshments and Networking

09.00  
Opening Remarks from the Chair

09.10 **HOT TOPIC**  
Obtaining and Handling Evidence for Use in Cross-Border Investigations and Legal Proceedings



**Artem Doudko**  
Partner, Head of Russia & CIS Disputes  
**Osborne Clarke LLP (UK)**



**Annabel Thomas**  
Partner  
**Mishcon de Reya LLP (UK)**

- Admissibility of evidence obtained by questionable means
- Sources of potential civil and criminal liability
- Handling state/trade secrets and data privacy
- Ethical dilemmas? How can lawyers ensure that they are meeting professional obligations and mitigating the risks?
- How does the position in England and Wales compare with other jurisdictions
- Is litigation privilege likely to get eroded further?

10.00  
**Legal Contamination: How Legal Principles Change When They Travel Abroad**



**Nicola Boulton**  
Partner  
**Byrne and Partners (UK)**



**Evgeny Raschevsky**  
Partner, Head of International Arbitration and Litigation Practice  
**Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners (Russia)**

- The legal application of Article 1064 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation, in Russia
- How Article 1064 has been applied in the English Courts
- What policy dynamics drive Court interpretation of foreign law

10.45 Refreshments and Networking

11.15 **NEW FOR THIS YEAR**  
**The Thorny Issue of Jurisdiction: Recent Defining Cases for FSU Disputes**



**Jason Woodland**  
Partner, Commercial Litigation, Civil Fraud and Asset Tracing  
**Peters & Peters (UK)**



**Olga Bischof**  
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**Brown Rudnick (UK)**

- The “new” test for jurisdiction identified in – *Kaefer Aislamientos SA de CV v AMS Drilling Mexico SA de CV and others* [2019] EWCA Civ 10
- Application of that test in *Tugushev v Orlov* and subsequent cases
- The jurisdiction issues in *Privatbank*, especially the argument about anchor defendants being used as an abuse of Article 6 of the Lugano convention
- Other jurisdiction issues in *Tugushev* (e.g. where a conspiracy takes place for the purposes of establishing jurisdiction)

12.00  
**Disputes Arising Out of Corporate & Asset Holding Structures and Beneficial Ownership in the Offshore Context**



**Stepan Guzey**  
Partner, Dispute Resolution  
**Lidings (Russia)**

- Getting around secrecy: Norwich Pharmacal progeny: The Unknown Wealth Order
- Beneficial ownership requirements and forcing disclosure: An update from Russia

12.45 Lunch and Networking

13.45 **HOT TOPIC**  
**Asset Recovery Challenges Arising from Sanctions Enforcement**



**Maxim Kulkov**  
Partner, Managing Partner  
**KK&P | Trial Lawyers (Russia)**



**Maya Lester QC**  
Barrister  
**Brick Court Chambers (UK)**

- New remedies for settling disputes between sanctioned Russian persons and their foreign counterparties
- Judicial review of court decisions and arbitral awards in relation to sanctions against Russia

- Protecting yourself and your clients against possible rise of civil damages claims, regulatory consequences and criminal penalties
- Potential damages claims arising out of sanctions regimes against Russia
- Resolving disputes around validity of corporate actions under sanctions regimes

14.45  
**Contentious Trusts and Private Client Disputes in the post-Pugachev Era**



**Dmitry Pentsov**  
Attorney at Law, Partner  
**FRORIEP (Switzerland)**



**Michael Roberts**  
Partner  
**Hogan Lovells (UK)**

As the popularity of trusts as asset structuring device for wealthy individuals from Russia and other republics of the former USSR continues to grow, so does the number of trust-related disputes involving the parties from these jurisdictions

- Contentious trusts: litigate or arbitrate?
- Dealing with fraud cases in the context trusts structures
- Enforcement of awards and court decisions against trust assets

15.45 Refreshments and Networking

16.15 **SPOTLIGHT ON**  
**Choice of Forum, Judicial Cooperation and Enforcement of Judgments post-Brexit**



**Oliver Marsden**  
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- The impact of Brexit on English court litigation:
- The impact of Brexit on English law: should parties be rethinking their choice of law for international commercial contracts?
- The impact of Brexit on arbitration (and navigating Russia's Federal Law on Arbitration)
- Europe's new English-language international commercial courts: a credible alternative to the English courts / arbitration?

17.30  
**Chair's Closing Remarks**

## WORKING GROUP B

Wednesday, 29 January 2020

07.45 – 09.15

### Defending the Indefensible: 5 Practical Skills to Protect your Clients Before, During and After the CIS Raid

LED BY:



**Andrew Smith**  
Partner  
**Corker Binning (UK)**



**Andrew Wordsworth**  
Partner  
**Raedas (UK)**

Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, corporate raids remain a honed method in doing business and an accepted mechanism for businesses empires to be created. In recent years, and particularly in Russia, mechanisms associated with business magnates are increasingly being adopted by organs of the State.

In light of this new risk, how can your clients defend themselves?

You will leave this Working Group with a set of critical questions to ask your client, as soon as they sense an attack – from "how guilty is my client" to "are they prepared for permanent exile", and understand the 5 practical skills required to handle a CIS raid competently.

- Should I stay or should I go now: should the client remain in the CIS or are they in danger of being either arrested or physically assaulted should they remain?
- London calling: where is the best place for them to establish their new residency, taking into account either obtaining residency, protection from extradition and other factors?
- I fought the law: dealing with Interpol extradition requests, and prosecution in absentia
- Sandinista: the advantages and disadvantages of political opposition
- Remote control: protecting the clients asset base either internationally or at home

## CONFERENCE DAY TWO

Wednesday, 29 January 2020

09.00 Refreshments and Networking

09.20

### Opening Remarks from the Chair

09.30

IN FOCUS

### High Stake Investor Claims involving FSU Corporate Entities and States



**Jennifer Younan**  
Partner  
**Shearman & Sterling LLP (France)**



**Tatiana Minaeva**  
Partner  
**RPC (UK)**

- An update on the Crimea-related claims against Russia
- The scope of arbitrable disputes in the relevant Bilateral Investment Treaty or other international instruments
- The effectiveness of investment treaty arbitration for protecting the interests of investors and tackling the issues of jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal?
- Spotlight on cross-border energy disputes

10.30

SPOTLIGHT ON

### Expert Witness Participation in Civil and Criminal Proceedings

11.00 Refreshments and Networking

11.30

### Director and Shareholder Disputes and Corporate Conflicts



**Sergey Usoskin**  
Partner  
**Double Bridge Law (Russia)**

- The never-ending saga of arbitrability of large scale corporate disputes in relation to international commercial arbitrations
- Disputes between the key stakeholders (ownership & registration of shares, partnership & shareholder agreements, breach of duties)

12.30

### Resolving Cross-border Restructuring and Bankruptcy Disputes Involving an FSU Element

- Recognition and enforcement of Russian & other FSU bankruptcy judgements abroad
- Recognition of foreign bankruptcy judgements in Russia and other FSU countries and the relationship between bankruptcy proceedings in one country and individual claims of creditors in another country where the debtor (or his assets) may be located
- Asset recovery and bankruptcy

13.30 Lunch and Networking

14.30

NEW FOR THIS YEAR

### Beyond Commercial Arbitration and Litigation: Maritime, Commodities, Sports and IP Disputes



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15.30

### NEW! How to Find the Right Partner on an FSU-related Case?

This year following a direct and tangible interest from the audience, we have put together a new session, where leading practitioners from large and boutique firms will share their best practice on finding the right partner and maintaining a network of 'best friends' and 'preferred firms' to tackle litigation, enforcement and recovery efforts.

- How the latest trends in the global market impact multi-party, multijurisdictional cases arising out of the region
- What upsets lawyers most about when litigating, arbitrating, investigating, enforcing awards, court decisions and recovering assets
- Sharing recent war stories on managing proceedings in two or more jurisdictions

16.15 Conference Ends

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