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Profile

My background includes in-house and private practice roles and revolves around science, technology, and regulation-intensive industries, with experience in life sciences, reg-tech and fintech spaces. As senior in-house counsel, I have deep industry expertise and knowledge of most facets of the business in my focus industries, including not just contentious matters but also transactional and regulatory matters, as well as business practices.

I am a regular speaker at international conferences on dispute resolution and regulatory compliance in key client industries. I am based in Nicosia and Limassol, Cyprus.

Experience by Institution/ADR Provider: SIAC, ICC, MAC (Russia), SCC, WIPO (UDRP), MFSD

Substantive Law: England and Wales, Singapore, Hong Kong, Russia, Cyprus

Seats: England, Singapore, Russia, Sweden

Judiciaries: England, Russia, United States, Germany, France, Cyprus, Brazil, Spain, DIFC, Switzerland, PRC

Industry Focus: Technology, Reg-tech, Fintech, SaaS, Compliance, Life Sciences & Pharmaceuticals

Activity Focus: cross-border dispute resolution, law department management, corporate and M&A, distribution, SaaS, regulatory compliance

Residence: Cyprus

Nationality: Russia 

Experience

ADR Legal (Alexey Drobyshev Limited)

Principal

May 2026 – Present

Advisor on international litigation management. Available for appointments as independent arbitrator.

Sumsub

Deputy Chief Legal Officer

June 2023 – Present

Senior Legal Counsel

May 2022 – June 2023

Deputy head of legal and head of disputes unit in the legal department of 40+ staff at a reg-tech company providing advanced KYC, compliance and fraud prevention solutions in fintech, crypto, iGaming, banking and non-regulated spaces. Direct report to CLO and board.

Scope of responsibilities includes:

1. Managing and advising on contentious issues including commercial and multijurisdictional IP litigation, commercial arbitration, managing litigation and debt recovery work; drafting pre-claim demand letters and responses to demand letters;
2. Directly acting in arbitrations for group companies;
3. Managing patent, trademark and copyright litigation;
4. Managing IP portfolio of the group;
5. Overseeing group sanctions compliance and conducting staff training on sanctions;
6. Handling the corporate affairs of the group, drafting and advising on investment and M&A deals;
7. Advising legal and non-legal stakeholders on disputes frameworks for contracts;
8. Overseeing employment law compliance in countries of presence;
9. Assisting group CLO in management of the legal department outside of my specialist functional areas;
10. Running domain name disputes (URS, UDRP).

BIOCAD

Lead Legal Counsel (Litigation)

April 2021 – May 2022

Senior Legal Counsel (International Projects)

April 2020 – March 2021

Legal Counsel (International Projects)

November 2018 – March 2020

Counsel at a leading biotech and pharmaceutical company. Managing and advising on large-scale contentious (in charge of all international dispute resolution in the company) and transactional cross-border matters, including:

1. Served as the lead in-house counsel in ICC and SIAC arbitrations: prepared and executed case strategies, project management, secured evidence, guided and assisted outside counsel in drafting submissions and in understanding issues of Russian law, initiated arbitration and negotiated settlement, drafted witness statements, drafted and reviewed settlement offers and agreements, managed eDisclosure readiness;

2. Performed initial legal assessment of all potentially contentious international matters, advised on pre-claim negotiations, feasibility and cost-effectiveness of legal proceedings, conducted due diligence;
3. Advised on cross-border matters relating to jurisdiction, applicable law and drafting dispute resolution clauses;
4. Conducted litigation and performed advocacy in commercial courts in disputes with a foreign element;
5. Advised on law and regulation of foreign trade (currency controls, customs and general foreign trade regulation);
6. Represented the company in administrative investigations;
7. Designed, negotiated and drafted contracts underlying major international transactions including distribution, partnership, joint venture, clinical trials and R&D, licensing and supply contracts, oversaw and advised on completion of transactions under Russian, English and Hong Kong law.

International and Comparative Law Research Center

Researcher

August – December 2018

A researcher for the leading Russian NGO focused on public international law for a confidential project on the law of the sea. Conducted legal and factual research on international law and its application in Russian, English and Spanish language sources; drafted sections of the resulting report.

Navicus.Law

Associate

March 2017 – August 2018

Associate at a leading maritime law boutique, responsible for legal research, drafting submissions and preparing document bundles in high value commercial litigation up to the Supreme Court and in Russian-seated arbitration, conducting litigation and performing advocacy in commercial and general courts, drafting memoranda of advice on Russian law for domestic and foreign clients.

Education

Uppsala University	2016
Master of Laws, Investment Treaty Arbitration	
Saint Petersburg University	2015
Master of Laws, The Law of the WTO	
Saint Petersburg University	2013
Bachelor of Laws	

Professional Memberships and Panels

Memberships

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Fellow (FCIArb)
Association of Corporate Counsel
Association of Corporate Counsel Europe (External Comms Committee)
LCIA Users' Council
Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center

Panels/Rosters*

**includes only panels/rosters that screen candidates*

Cyprus Arbitration and Mediation Centre
Rising Arbitrators Directory
Tashkent International Arbitration Centre (Reserve Panel)
Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration
Singapore International Arbitration Centre (Rising Arbitrators List)

Select Speaking Engagements

- *“Sanctions Regimes and ABC: Protecting your Business in High-Risk Markets”* (panel discussion)
ThoughtLeaders4Disputes Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Forum, London, April 2026
- *“Arbitration vs. Litigation: Risks, Compliance & Enforcement”* (panel discussion)
World Lawyers Forum, Bahrain, March 2025
- *“Managing Litigation Outside of the United States”* (panel discussion)
ACC Annual Meeting, Nashville, United States, October 2024
- *“Toolkit 2024: Mastering the Regulatory Scene”* (panel discussion)
iFXExpo International, Limassol, Cyprus, September 2023
- *“Crypto Regulatory Environment: Staying Ahead of the Curve”*
Big Time Summit, Limassol, Cyprus, July 2023
- *“Arbitration - starting an arbitration (best practice); arbitration clauses: what works / what doesn't, putting your team together and selecting an arbitrator”* (panel discussion)
English Law Day, Istanbul, March 2023
- *Challenging reality of governance and compliance, practical solutions* (panel discussion)
1st Annual Financial Markets Forum, Limassol, Cyprus, November 2022
- *“22 Hot Takes on Arbitration in 2022”* (panel discussion)

Publications

[International Disputes as In-House Counsel: Prepare the Process for Yourselves First, Not the Other Way Around](#)

Legal Industry Review Cyprus, Edition 2, May 2026

[Choosing the Right Method for International B2B Disputes](#)

Corporate Counsel Now (formerly ACC Docket), February 2026

[ISDS, Moral Damages, Reputational Harm... To The State – A Comment in the Wake of Lundin](#)

Kluwer Arbitration Blog, January 2017

Training and Development

Accelerated Route to Fellowship – International Arbitration	September 2025
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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

A Guide to Arbitration Award-Writing	November 2024
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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Introduction to International Arbitration	December 2017
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Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Languages

<i>Conducting hearings, hearing oral argument, drafting awards</i>	English, Russian
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<i>Reviewing evidence, documents</i>	English, Russian, Spanish, Greek
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Academic

- Coach and arbitrator for international moot court competitions (Vis, Jessup, FIAMC, FDI Moot);
- Engaged in 2018 by St. Petersburg University Law Faculty to grade final state examination papers of Master's students in International Law.