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## Education

**Advanced Arbitration Academy** International Commercial Arbitration (2011-2013)  
ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris, France),  
ICC Russia, CIArb (London, the UK).

**Institute of Art Business and Antique** History of Arts. Attribution & Expertise (2012)  
Co-organized with (CINOA and its subsidiary in Russia & CIS -(ICAAD)

**Pericles School of Law,** LLM in American Business Law (2010)  
2nd American Law LLM program outside the USA  
Taught n Moscow entirely in English by Western professors

**Northern Kazakhstan State University** English Language and Literature (2006)  
Degree with honours

**Omsk State University** Jurisprudence (Civil Law)(1997)  
Graduated top 5 of the class

## Career

**TOMSKNEFTEPERABOTKA LLC**, Moscow/Tomsk, Russia  
(Jan 2013 – Mar 2014)

Tomsneftepererabotka LLC is a middle-sized oil refinery with capacity of about 1 mln. tons of oil per year that operates both in domestic and foreign markets.  
[www.tomnpz.ru](http://www.tomnpz.ru)

### Senior lawyer in Moscow Rep. Office

Made legal support for the company's business in Russia and foreign countries. Dealt with company's foreign property, foreign investments in Russia. Liaised with the external corporate lawyers, administrators of offshore companies. Monitored legislation pertaining to oil and gas business. Drafted and negotiated various types of contracts (including risk evaluation, legal support of a deal until completion). Participated in negotiations and alternative dispute resolution. Assisted with consultation, preparation of other litigation documentation, representation before Russian courts and arbitral tribunals (LCIA, ICC, SCC). Dealt with different state entities (registration, administrative, tax authorities). Prepared legal opinions on

different issues with respect to Russian legislation. Participated in structuring and optimization of the optimal scheme of the group of the companies. Made legal due diligence of corporate status and assets of a target before M&A. Prepared reports and management information. Took on day-to-day responsibility for ensuring that company meets all on-going regulatory reporting obligations in the CIS region. Participated, as necessary, in meetings with supervisory and regulatory bodies in the CIS region.

**ERIELL Corporation s.r.o.**, Moscow, Russia (Feb 2009 – Sep 2013)  
International Service Company providing drilling services to oil and gas companies in the Russian Federation, Central Asia, North Africa and Middle East. [www.eriell.com](http://www.eriell.com)

#### **Senior lawyer in Legal Department**

Made legal support for the company's business in Russia and foreign countries, dealt with company's foreign property, foreign investments in Russia. Liaised with the external corporate lawyers, administrators of offshore companies. Monitored legislation pertaining to oil and gas business. Drafted and negotiated various types of contracts. Participated in negotiations and alternative dispute resolution. Assisted with consultation, preparation of other litigation documentation, representation before Russian courts.

**Andreas Neocleous & Co**, Moscow, Russia (Sep 2008 – Dec 2008)  
Andreas Neocleous and Co is the leading Cyprus law firm with Cyprus lawyers and other legal experts on all legal matters involving Cyprus law, EU law and international law. [www.neocleous.ru](http://www.neocleous.ru)

#### **Senior Lawyer**

Advised international and local clients on Russian law. Provided legal support for their activities in the Russian Federation. Rendered professional assistance in incorporation of companies in Cyprus and other jurisdictions, including low tax jurisdictions. Registration, corporate restructuring, liquidation and bankruptcy of legal entities in the Russian Federation. Corporate restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, litigation and arbitration, international transactions and joint ventures. Representation before Russian courts and arbitration institutions, support in the enforcement of judicial rulings and court decisions.

**X5 Retail Group, Moscow, Russia** (Sep 2007 – July 2008)

X5 Retail Group N.V. is the largest retail company in Russia which has developed three formats: soft discounters, supermarkets and hypermarkets. [www.x5.ru](http://www.x5.ru)

#### **Senior Lawyer in the Department of M&A and Corporate Financing**

Developed and implemented schemes for M&A transactions. Wrote documents relating to said M&As (SPA's, shareholders agreements, etc.) Prepared corporate documents (charters, articles of association, minutes of shareholder general meetings, Board of Directors minutes, etc.). Performed legal work for major transactions and interested party transactions. Evaluated potential risks and legal consequences relating to planned M&A transactions. Communicated with external legal advisers. Dealt with providers of offshore companies (Cyprus, BVI). Participated in due diligence for the retail food chains prior to their acquisition. Took part in negotiations and alternative dispute resolution, case preparation and consultation, preparation of other litigation documentation.

**Reeges Real Estate Agency**, Moscow, Russia (Jan 2007 – Sep 2007)

Lawyer in the Department of Commercial Real Estate [www.service-realty.ru](http://www.service-realty.ru)

Performed due diligence for real estate objects prior to their purchase. Consulted on tax issues regarding real estate. Registered real estate titles and transactions. Drafted documents related to maintenance of commercial premises. Reviewed and drafted documents for leases, sales, purchases, indemnifications of real estate entities, and pledges. Evaluated and minimized risks associated with commercial real estate transactions.

**LLC "Legal Express II"**, Petropavlovsk, Almaty, Kazakhstan (Oct 2002 – Sep 2006)

Senior Associate

Performed legal research and prepared legal opinions on various areas of local legislation. Negotiated with foreign clients (including the United States and Western Europe). Drafted and argued contractual disputes. Litigated matters in Arbitration courts and general jurisdiction courts. Corresponded with local and federal authorities and regulators. Registered commercial and non-profit legal entities. Provided legal support in real estate transactions.

## Current Position

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**Solo Legal Practitioner** Moscow, Russia (Mar 2014 – present)

[www.taranovatlaw.com](http://www.taranovatlaw.com)

### General Practice and Litigation/Arbitration Lawyer

Render legal services to international and domestic corporate and individuals. Registration of companies and representative offices. Reorganization and liquidation of companies. Legal advices on matters of Russian legislation (Corporate Law, Civil law, Administrative Law, Labor Law, Taxes, Real Estate Law, Industrial and Intellectual Property, Family Law, Criminal Law, etc.) Review, drafting and negotiation of contracts. Legal support for real estate transactions. Taxation planning. Litigation and Arbitration (preparation of trial documents, court representation, enforcement of court decisions). Legal assistance with customs matters. Copyright and related rights protection. Litigation and Arbitration (preparation of trial documents, court representation, enforcement of court decisions and arbitration awards).

## Professional Memberships

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American Bar Association (Foreign Associate) since 2009

[www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)

Association of International Petroleum Negotiators since 2012

[www.aipn.org](http://www.aipn.org)

Charter Institute of Arbitrators Membership status since 2014

[www.ciarb.org](http://www.ciarb.org)

Russian Arbitration Association Individual Member since 2013

[www.arbitrations.ru](http://www.arbitrations.ru)

## Specialisations

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Civil law Jurisdiction(s) :Russia, Kazakhstan

Common law Jurisdiction: US, Cyprus

European law

International law

Agency (Representation)

Construction, Engineering

Corporate Law

Criminal Law

Energy and Natural Resources

Intellectual Property

Joint Ventures, Cooperation  
 Real Estate  
 Sales, Purchases  
 Art Law  
 Other: Drilling & Well Service Contracts

## Arbitration Experience

Sole arbitrator in a proceeding administered by the Camera Arbitrale Immobiliare in Genoa, Italy (2014)

Legal counsel in arbitration proceedings both ad hoc and administered by domestic arbitration centres

		Chair of Tribunal	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator	Party's Counsel	Secretary or Other
International Institutional Arbitration	ICC				2	
	LCIA				2	
International <i>Ad Hoc</i> Arbitration					4	2
Domestic Arbitration					8	2

## Languages

**Russian – native speaker**

**English –fluent**, (including ability to conduct an arbitration and to draft an award without the assistance of an interpreter or translator)

**Polish – advanced level**