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Overview

Jane is Senior Counsel in Dentons' Moscow office. She specializes in mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, joint venture work, anticorruption, securities and public offerings.

Jane has extensive experience in the areas of upstream and downstream oil & gas, oil pipeline and maritime transportation, oil and gas trading, power generation, M&A projects in the natural resources and energy sector, regulatory, restructuring, environmental, and other aspects of natural resources and energy sectors in general.

Her clients include oil and gas majors, corporations developing and processing natural resources in general, independents and integrated energy companies, transportation and service companies, investment groups and financial institutions.

Experience

- A leading European construction materials manufacturer: Advising on the turn key construction of a new cement plant in Tula region as well as other infrastructure, including construction of several kilometres of roads and railways
- A leading European cement producer: Advising on the acquisition by way of separation of a controlling stake in a cement and raw materials business in the Republic of Bashkortostan
- Enel SpA: Advising on the acquisition by EniNefteGas (a consortium of 40% Enel and 60% Eni) of a group of companies holding major gas field development licenses for a total of approx. USD 5.83 billion
- Enel SpA: Advising on a major Russian M&A transaction involving the sale of 51% of SeverEnergiya LLC by Eni and Enel to Gazprom JSC for a total price of approx USD 1.6 billion
- Enel SpA and its subsidiaries: Advising on energy projects in Russia (the Rusenergosbyt JV and acquisition of a majority stake in the OGK 5 Energy Generator)
- A major Russian bank: Advising on the financing of the Ford-Sollers joint venture for producing Ford-designed cars and engines in Russia

- Russian borrowers: Advising on the financing of an airport's construction in Sochi

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers* 2017: listed among the best lawyers in Corporate / M&A and Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *Chambers Europe* 2016: leading expert in Energy and Natural Resources in Russia; “She is a tough negotiator, she can find a middle ground and focuses things very well.”
- *Best Lawyers* 2016: listed among the best lawyers in Corporate / M&A and Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *The International Who’s Who Legal* 2016: leading lawyer in Energy in Russia
- *IFLR1000* 2016: leading expert in Corporate / M&A and Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *Acquisition International* 2016: ranked among leading advisors of the year
- *Chambers Global and Europe* 2015: leading expert in Energy and Natural Resources in Russia; “Jane Tarassova is well known on the market for her corporate and M&A work, strongly focusing on the energy market. Market commentators note her experience and prowess at the negotiation table.”
- *The Legal 500* 2015: leading expert in Energy and Natural Resources and Restructuring and Insolvency in Russia
- *IFLR1000* 2015: leading expert in Corporate / M&A and Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *The International Who’s Who Legal* 2015: leading lawyer in Energy in Russia
- *Best Lawyers* 2015: listed among the best lawyers in Corporate / M&A and Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *Expert Guides to Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers* 2015: leading expert in Energy / Natural Resources in Russia
- *Expert Guides to Women in Business Law* 2015: leading expert in Energy / Natural Resources in Russia
- *Chambers Global and Europe* 2014: leading expert in Corporate and Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *The Legal 500* 2014: leading expert in Energy and Natural Resources in Russia: “Jane Tarassova heads what is now a sizeable energy team at Dentons following the firm’s merger. Recent highlights include advising Bashneft on a \$600m pre-export financing.”
- *Best Lawyers* 2014: listed among the best lawyers in Corporate / M&A and Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *Expert Guides to Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers* 2014: leading expert in Energy / Natural Resources in Russia
- *Chambers Global* 2013: leading expert in Corporate / M&A in Russia
- *The Legal 500* 2013: leading expert in Energy and Natural Resources in Russia
- *Expert Guides to Energy and Natural Resource Lawyers* 2013: leading expert in Energy / Natural Resources in Russia
- *European Legal Experts* 2013: leading expert in Project Finance / Energy and Corporate / M&A in Russia
- *Who’s Who Legal* 2013: leading expert in Energy in Russia

- *Chambers Global and Europe 2012*: leading expert in Corporate / M&A in Russia
- *Expert Guide to Women in Business Law 2012*: leading expert in Energy / Natural Resources in Russia
- *Kommersant and the Association of Managers*: Ranked in top-1000 Professional Russian Managers and listed in Top-100 Best Careers in the Country

Activities and Affiliations

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Head of Russian Energy / Natural Resources Practice – Dentons (formerly Salans), Moscow (2006 to 2017)
- Managing Partner – Salans, Moscow (1994-2006)
- Partner – Salans, Moscow (1992-1994)
- Cole Corette & Abrutyn (1991-1992)
- Head of General Counsel (International) – USSR State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting (Gosteleradio) (1983-1991)
- USSR Copyright Agency (VAAP) (1974-1983)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Notary Services
- Project Development
- Real Estate
- Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Securities and Corporate Finance
- Notary Services in Germany

Industry sectors

- Automotive
- Communications
- Energy
- Information Technology (IT)

- Media, Entertainment and Sports

Education

- Moscow State University, 1982, Postgraduate studies
- Moscow State University, 1980, Law Degree, with Honours

Languages

- English
- French
- Russian