

Kanat Skakov

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Overview

Kanat is one of the leading dispute resolution lawyers in Kazakhstan and a co-head of Dentons' Kazakhstan dispute resolution practice, having successfully represented major international and local natural resources companies, service providers, airlines, banks and manufacturing businesses in hundreds of disputes over the past 13 years.

He heads the firm's tax and customs practice in Kazakhstan, which provides a wide range of local and international tax advice and represents clients in tax and customs litigation. Kanat is also active in corporate matters with expertise in the creation of joint ventures with foreign investors in Kazakhstan.

Kanat is a leading expert in his field and recommended by Chambers Global, Legal 500 and Best Lawyers. He is a member of the Kazakhstan Petroleum Lawyers Association and the Kazakhstan Bar Association. He frequently speaks and writes on various corporate, tax and customs, and dispute resolution issues.

Experience

- Representing major oil and service companies in tax and customs litigation cases
- Advising international service companies on the tax-efficient structuring of investments in Kazakhstan
- Advising on regulatory matters for the development of major oilfields
- Advising on Kazakhstan law issues for the establishment of joint ventures
- Advising on tax issues related to loan and derivative transactions

Recognition

- Mr. Skakov is a leading expert in his field and recommended by *Chambers Global*, *Legal 500* and *Best Lawyers*.

Insights

Kanat frequently writes on various corporate, tax and customs issues.

- Execution of Arbitral Awards Set Aside in the Country of Origin – Paper presented at the Conference on Current Problems of Civil Procedure Law held in KazSLA (14-15 December, 2001) and published in the Collection of Materials.
- Pathological Arbitration Clauses – Paper presented at the Annual Republican Conference on Current Problems of Modern Civil Law held in the Institute of Research on Private Law (21-22 February, 2002) and published in the Collection of Materials
- Kazakhstan’s civil procedure law: Brief overview of the current System AND new and proposed developments, Doing Business in Kazakhstan, 2013
- Special Economic Zones in Kazakhstan, Doing Business in Kazakhstan, 2013
- Governing Law in Shareholders’ Agreements and Sale and Purchase Agreements, Doing Business in Kazakhstan, 2012
- Eurasian Economic Commission: the New Supranational Body of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space, Doing Business in Kazakhstan, 2012
- Business Incentives in Kazakhstan, Doing Business in Kazakhstan, 2011
- Tax Incentives for Businesses and Individuals in Kazakhstan, Doing Business in Kazakhstan, 2010

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

Kanat frequently speaks on various corporate, tax and customs issues.

- “Thin Cap Rules in CIS”, 2013
- “Customs Union and Common Economic Space of the Eurasian Economic Union – impact on Kazakhstan’s tax and customs legislation”, KIOGE, October 2012
- “Customs Union between Kazakhstan, Belarus and Russia: historical aspects and future perspectives”, ACFAC monthly session, May 2012
- “Anti-corruption measures in Kazakhstan”, ACFAC monthly session, February 2012
- “Corruption Challenges in Kazakhstan”, AmCham Rule of Law Forum, June 2011
- “Tax Incentives for Business in Kazakhstan”, Kazakhstan Investment Strategies Forum, April 2011
- “Top Indirect Tax Topics in CEE & the CIS”, 11th Conference in the Tax Series Indirect Tax: Compliance and Efficiency, February 2011
- “Settlement of Tax and Customs Disputes in Kazakhstan”, KIOGE, October 2010

Memberships

- Kazakhstan Bar Association
- KPLA
- IBA

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner - Dentons (formerly Salans), Almaty (2010 to date)
- Of Counsel - Salans, Almaty (2008-2009)
- Senior Associate - Salans, Almaty (2005-2007)
- Associate - Salans, Almaty (2002-2004)
- Kazakh State Law Academy / Kazakh Humanitarian Law University (2001-2008)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Corporate
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Tax

Industry sectors

- Energy
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Life Sciences and Health Care

Issues and opportunities

- Global tax guide to doing business in...

Education

- University College London, 2001, LL.M.
- Kazakh State Law Academy, 2000, Law Degree, with Honours

Languages

- English
- Kazakh
- Russian