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Overview

Victoria is a partner in Dentons' Almaty office with over 16 years' experience and advises clients on a wide variety of Kazakhstan and international law issues, including energy, corporate, construction, subsurface use, property, anti-monopoly legislation and finance matters. Victoria is experienced in negotiating and concluding concession contracts for the infrastructure projects. She has advised clients on a number of pipeline matters, including the transfer of the Kazakhstan national gas pipeline system and the construction of a number of oil and gas pipelines. Victoria is involved in the acquisition of assets and other interests in companies in the oil and gas, telecommunications and construction sectors. Victoria has advised on a number of major mergers and acquisitions.

Victoria Simonova is a member of the "Legal Working Group on Matters of Legislation of the Council of Foreign Investors under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan" which works closely with the Ministry of Justice and recently drafted changes to the Securities Law and the JSC Law.

Insights

- "Legal Framework of Kazakhstan's Telecommunication Sector" for Invest Kazakhstan, 2003
- "The Implementation of the Amendments to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Foreign Investments" for Russia and Commonwealth magazine, 1998
- "The New Law on Natural Monopolies" for Oil and Gas of Kazakhstan magazine, 1998

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- First M&A Forum: Legal aspects in M&A transactions in subsurface use sector, 2011
- British Kazakh Law association conference: Litigation commercial disputes in Kazakhstan, 2011

- KIOGE Pre-conference Workshop, Almaty: Mergers and Acquisitions: Lessons Learnt, 2010
- Central Asia Mining Congress/Legal Master Class, Almaty: Concessions, 2008
- KIOGE Pre-conference Workshop, Almaty: Related infrastructure projects investment opportunities, 2007
- KIOGE Pre-conference Workshop, Almaty: Patriot act, FCPA and similar legislation: What do they mean to you? 2006
- KIOGE Pre-conference Workshop, Almaty: PSAs under the new PSA law – What's negotiable, 2005

Memberships

- Kazakhstan Petroleum Lawyers' Association
- Legal Working Group of the Foreign Investors Council
- EUROBAK
- Kazakhstan Bar Association

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons (formerly SNR Denton), Almaty (2010 – to date)
- Senior Attorney, Denton Wilde Sapte, Almaty, (2008 – 2010)
- Attorney, Denton Wilde Sapte, Almaty, (2005 – 2008)
- Associate, Coudert Brothers, Almaty, (2001 – 2005)
- Associate, LeBoeuf Lamb Green & MacRae, Almaty, (1998 – 2001)
- Law Clerk, LeBoeuf Lamb Green & MacRae, Almaty, (1997 – 1998)
- Lawyer, National Bank of Kazakhstan, Client Territorial Subdivision, Almaty, (1996 – 1997)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Competition and Antitrust
- Corporate Governance
- Employment and Labor
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Project Development

Industry sectors

- Construction
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Oil and Gas

Education

- 2005, LL.M.
- Adilet Law School, 1998, Degree, Law (with distinction)

Languages

- English
- Russian