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The British Russian Law Association,  
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## **English Law Week 2017: The Law - A noble profession or just business?**

**20 - 23 November 2017**

### **Venues in Moscow and St Petersburg:**

**20 - 21 November:** British Embassy, 10 Smolenskaya Naberezhnaya, Moscow

**22 - 23 November:** British Consulate-General, 5 Pl Proletarskoy Dikatury, St Petersburg



# Draft Programme

<b>Monday 20 November 2017</b> <b>Venue: The British Embassy, 10 Smolenskaya Naberezhnaya</b>	
09:00 – 10:15	<b>Registration and refreshments</b>
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Opening of the conference</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Session 1: Recent English judgments involving Russian and CIS parties, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Developments in the Freezing Injunction Jurisdiction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JSC Mezhdunarodniy Promyshlenniy Bank v Pugachev</li> <li>• OJSC BTA Bank v Khrapanov</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Cases involving the enforcement of Russian court judgments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximov v OJSC NLMK (enforcement of (annulled) award in England))</li> <li>• Open Joint Stock Co Alfa-Bank v Trefilov</li> <li>• JSC VTB Bank v Skurikhin</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Cases involving fraud-related claims</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baturina v Chistyakov</li> <li>• Pinchuk v Bogolyubov and Kolomoisky;</li> <li>• Bank St Petersburg PJSC &amp; Anor v Arkhangelsky &amp; Ors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b>
12:00 - 13:15	<b>Session 2: Case Study (of a claim in England involving Russian parties)</b>
13:15 – 14:15	<b>Lunch</b>
14:15 – 15:30	<b>Session 3: International arbitration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Latest guidelines, tools and publications from major arbitral institutions</li> <li>- Arbitrators – choosing the right arbitrators and then getting the most from them</li> <li>- Efficiency and reduced costs – what is being done to make arbitration quicker and cheaper</li> <li>- Support of arbitration by the state courts</li> <li>- Confidentiality v publicity</li> <li>- Ethics in arbitration</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Tea and Coffee break</b>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Session 4: Competition law issues – Brexit and EU regulations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union</li> <li>- Implications for the use of English law for Russia-related transactions</li> <li>- Expected changes in English Competition law and polices arising from Brexit</li> <li>- Mergers - investigation of dominant market positions, and a comparison</li> </ul>

	<p>of practices of the antitrust authorities in recent major investigations in the UK, Europe and Russia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recovering damages resulting from unfair competition</li> <li>- Interplay between antitrust law and IP rights</li> </ul>
17:00 - 19:30	<b>Networking Reception</b>

<b>Tuesday 21 November 2017</b> <b>Venue: The British Embassy, 10 Smolenskaya Naberezhnaya</b>	
09:00- 10:20	<b>Registration and refreshments</b>
10:20 - 10:30	<b>Opening remarks</b>
10:30 - 11:45	<b>Session 5: Corporate law and taxation law topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New "English law" provisions of the Russian Civil Code as perceived by English lawyers. Examples of structuring transactions using Russian law concepts (if any). Opinion on whether or not to use "mirrored documents" in UK/Russian underlying organizations</li> <li>- Update on interplay of the U.K. Tax environment and Russia's continuing de-offshorization attempts</li> <li>- Any changes in tax law policy that have happened in UK and that are relevant for international business</li> </ul>
11:45 - 12:15	<b>Tea and Coffee Break</b>
12:15 - 13:30	<b>Session 6: Organisation of law as a business - current business models and trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technological innovation – latest trends</li> <li>- Alternative business structures</li> <li>- LPP for in-house counsel</li> <li>- Corporate social responsibility</li> <li>- Law firm billings/ fee arrangements - latest trends</li> </ul>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 - 16:00	<b>Session 7: Regulation of the legal profession</b>
16:00 - 16:15	<b>Closing remarks</b>



**Wednesday 22 November 2017**

**Venue: British Consulate-General, 5 Pl Proletarskoy Dikatury, St Petersburg**

09:00 – 10:15	<b>Registration and refreshments</b>
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Opening of the conference</b>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>Session 1: Corporate law and taxation law topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- New "English law" provisions of the Russian Civil Code as perceived by English lawyers. Examples of structuring transactions using Russian law concepts (if any).</li><li>- Opinion on whether or not to use "mirrored documents" in UK/Russian underlying organizations</li><li>- Update on interplay of the U.K. Tax environment and Russia's continuing de-offshorization attempts</li><li>- Any changes in tax law policy that have happened in UK and that are relevant for international business</li></ul>
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12:00 - 13:15	<b>Session 2: Recent English judgments involving Russian and CIS parties, including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Developments in the Freezing Injunction Jurisdiction</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JSC Mezhdunarodniy Promyshlenniy Bank v Pugachev</li><li>• OJSC BTA Bank v Khrapanov</li></ul></li><li>- <b>Cases involving the enforcement of Russian court judgments</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximov v OJSC NLMK (enforcement of (annulled) award in England))</li><li>• Open Joint Stock Co Alfa-Bank v Trefilov</li><li>• JSC VTB Bank v Skurikhin</li></ul></li><li>- <b>Cases involving fraud-related claims</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baturina v Chistyakov</li><li>• Pinchuk v Bogolyubov and Kolomoisky</li><li>• Bank St Petersburg PJSC &amp; Anor v Arkhangelsky &amp; Ors</li></ul></li></ul>
13:15 – 14:15	<b>Lunch</b>
14:15 – 15:30	<b>Session 3: Case Study (of a claim in England involving Russian parties)</b>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Tea and Coffee break</b>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Recovering assets through bankruptcy and liquidation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Claims to recover assets of company/bankrupt estate under English law</li><li>- Focus on cross-border cases, involving Russian parties in particular: jurisdiction of English courts, recognition of foreign insolvencies</li><li>- Assets search, investigations and other efforts in support of cross-border bankruptcies, and</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recent developments of Russian law on liquidation and bankruptcy, and possibility of recovering assets situated abroad.</li> </ul>
17:00 - 19:30	<b>Networking Reception</b>

<b>Thursday 23 November 2017</b> <b>Venue: St Petersburg Chamber of Advocates, St Petersburg</b>	
10:00 - 10:30	Registration and refreshments
10:30 - 12:00	<b>Session 4: Organisation of law as a business – current business models and trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technological innovation – latest trends</li> <li>- Alternative business structures</li> <li>- LPP for in-house counsel</li> <li>- Corporate social responsibility</li> <li>- Law firm billings/ fee arrangements - latest trends</li> </ul>
12:00 - 12:15	<b>Closing remarks</b>
12:15 - 13:30	<b>Networking Lunch</b>

