

Dispute Resolution Practice

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Since 2003, SCHNEIDER GROUP has supported international companies in their market entry and expansion in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus. As a bridge builder between East and West, Ulf Schneider founded his company with the aim of making it easier for international companies to enter the markets in these regions.

Today SCHNEIDER GROUP has offices in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Local competence, global perspective and the highest quality standards unite our more than 500 employees into a cross-border service centre for your business interests.

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Dispute Resolution Practice

SCHNEIDER GROUP's dispute resolution team defends clients' interests in Russian state courts (commercial courts, named literally "arbitrazh" courts and courts of general jurisdiction), as well as before arbitration tribunals. We will:

- Advise at the pre-trial stage: prepare a claim, negotiate an amicable settlement of the dispute
- Represent our client's interests in the court of first instance
- Assist in challenging / defending the judgement of the court of first instance in higher instances
- Support throughout the process of the court judgement execution

Our attorneys are experienced in the following types of court cases:

- Disputes with regulatory state authorities
- Commercial disputes
- Intellectual property disputes
- Corporate disputes
- Bankruptcy cases
- Labour disputes
- Cases on the recognition and enforcement of foreign court and arbitration awards

Examples of our landmark cases

#1 Major European manufacturer of cars, trucks, and machinery

Car Manufacturing

Comprehensive legal support of a leading European cars and trucks manufacturer in more than 20 court cases in the Russian courts. The cases were related to the termination of the company's operations in Russia (seeking damages, obliging to provide cars, etc.). All the disputes were successfully finalized. Among others, we won a landmark case where the courts agreed with our position that the EU sanctions constitute force majeure circumstances leading to the impossibility to fulfil the contractual obligation to supply goods to a Russian buyer.

#2 Key international audit firm

Audit and Consulting

Supporting a key international audit firm in a separate dispute in a bankruptcy case of its counterparty. The transaction under which the client rendered services and received payment was sought to be recognized as invalid. Our team managed to defend the transaction in three court instances and save the client's funds.

#3 German pharma producer

Pharma

Comprehensive legal support of a Russian subsidiary of a German pharma producer in the cases on the debt collection for the supplied pharma products to the wholesale buyers. One of the buyers was declared bankrupt by the court, we achieved the client's inclusion to the list of creditors and will continue representing the client in the bankruptcy proceedings.

#4 Polish IT company

IT

Achieved settlement of the court dispute initiated against the Russian subsidiary for the non-performance of obligations under IT support services agreement (the client found himself in this situation due to EU sanctions). The claimant is a major Russian food stores chain.

#5 Swiss producer of luxurious cosmetics

Cosmetics Production

Legal consulting of a Swiss luxurious cosmetics manufacturer on cancellation of imposed pretrial interim measures (in particular, seizure of bank accounts worth over USD 45 million). Our team succeeded in promptly cancelling all interim measures.

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Examples of our landmark cases

#6 Lithuanian mobile game developer

IT

Legal advice to a Lithuanian mobile games developer in connection with the termination of enforcement proceedings. Our team succeeded in urgent cancellation of the travel ban imposed on the company's CEO and termination the enforcement proceedings.

#7 American leading manufacturer and seller of disposable medical devices

Pharma and Medical Devices Production

Representation of an American medical equipment manufacturer as a major creditor in a bankruptcy case of the client's counterparty. Our team supported the client throughout the bankruptcy proceedings and eventually achieved full repayment of the client's claim.

#8 German plumbing tools producer

Houseware Equipment

Representing a client, a Russian subsidiary of a German manufacturer of plumbing tools, in a number of labour disputes with an employee.

#9 Large international manufacturer of agricultural machinery

Agricultural Equipment Manufacturing

Providing full legal support to a major international manufacturer of agricultural machinery in the framework of imposing material liability on an employee, representing the client in a case for recovery of damages caused to the company as a result of the actions of the former company CEO and other related matters. Among other things, we successfully represented the client in a labour dispute over a claim for reinstatement of a former employee. In addition, we won a case with the courts of two instances to recover unjust enrichment from a company established by the former company CEO. We also won a case in all court instances to recover damages caused to the company as a result of actions of its former CEO.

#10 International designer and manufacturer of lighting products

Engineering, Construction and Infrastructure

Successful representation of an international designer and manufacturer of lighting products in two court instances in a labour dispute with a former employee over his dismissal on special terms and conditions of remote employment.

#11 German family company, manufacturer of highest quality hygiene products

Manufacturing of hygiene products

Advising a client, a German manufacturer of hygiene products in connection with several disputes against a Russian cosmetics dealer over unauthorised use of the trademarks owned by the client.

#12 International manufacturer of solar power plants

Engineering, Construction and Infrastructure

Representing a major solar energy engineering group in pre-trial negotiations as well as in litigation before an arbitrazh court regarding debt recovery from a Russian contractor. We supported the client in negotiating three supply and construction agreements with the builder in the relation to the construction of solar panels in the Republic of Buryatia and Chita Region of the Russian Federation, during the execution of the agreements, including working on responses to the builder's pre-trial claims and drafting the client's pre-trial claims; successfully representing the client in a claim for recovery of penalties from the builder in the court of first instance. The debtor company is currently in bankruptcy, and we seek to have the client's claim included in the bankruptcy register and monitor the progress of the bankruptcy proceedings.

SCHNEIDER GROUP's litigation team can also provide our clients with professional assistance in stressful situations, such as participating in tax control procedures and accompanying our clients (i.e. their officials) during interrogations and questionings, including as a witness in a criminal case.

Yadviga Pavlovich has professional status of an attorney-at-law and has extensive experience in representing clients before tax and law enforcement authorities.

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