

ARBITRATION & TAX DISPUTES

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Sergey Rumin is a partner of our firm's Tax Practice.

Sergey has an extensive track record of successful litigations before Russian courts, predominantly related to tax disputes; however he has handled civil law and labor disputes as well.

Sergev is an author of five books and more than 500 (five hundred) articles on law, accountancy and taxes published in the Russian leading journals/papers in the field of taxes/accountancy such as "Expert", "Tax Newsletter", "Company's Lawyer", "Chief Accountant", "Russian Tax Courier", "Practical Tax Planning", "Financial Director", "Advice for an Accountant", "Nalogoved", "Your Tax Advocate", "Accountancy", "Documents and Commentaries for an Accountant", "Normative Documents and Commentaries", "Uproschenka", "Construction Accountancy", "Trade Accountancy", "Accountancy, Taxes, Law", "Economics and Life - Lawyer", etc. Sergey's commentaries and other publications have been placed into leading Russian digital law systems - Consultant Plus and Garant.

Sergey's articles on some issues of tax law have received an acknowledgment of the Year's Best Article by such editions as "Chief Accountant" and "Economics and Life – Lawyer".

Apart from litigating tax cases before Russian courts, Sergey acts as taxpayers' representative in the course of tax audits and other tax control activities undertaken by tax authorities; he as well represents taxpayers at a pre-judicial stage of challenging tax authorities' actions (inactions) when taxpayers bring appeals before higher tax authorities. His effective assistance to taxpayers at the pre-judicial stage has resulted in



field tax audits ending up with zero or insignificant claims raised by tax authorities in a number of instances.

In addition, Sergey has appeared before Russian courts as an expert/specialist in a number of cases filing testimonies on the taxpayers' obligations to the Russian budgets, taxpayers' accountant books and reports (see, e.g., Commercial Courts cases # <u>A40-74181/09-95-334"5"</u>, # <u>A41-44145/14</u>).

He teaches on tax law issues, and is regularly invited to conduct corporate seminars or give lectures by Russian leading specialized journals/papers.

Sergey has also been <u>a certified auditor</u> since 1994; interestingly, he was one of the first individuals in Russia who received a respective certificate from the Russian Ministry of Finance. Sergey is a member of a self-regulated association of auditors Non-profit Partnership - Association of Auditors "Sodruzhestvo". His overall experience in the fields of finance, accountancy and audit exceeds 30 years.

## EDUCATION:

 1985, Moscow Financial Institute (now - Financial University at the Government of the Russian Federation), First Class Honors.

## MAJOR CAREER STAGES:

Sergey's career started in 1985 after he had graduated from Moscow Financial Institute to join the USSR Ministry of Finance. He held different positions in the Ministry for 6 (six) years during which he, e.g., chaired and participated in negotiations on intergovernmental agreements regulated inter alia mining joint ventures in Vietnam and Mongolia, transborder payments between the USSR and Mongolia, financial terms of Group of Soviet Forces in Germany's leaving, elimination of double taxation with South Korea, etc.

After his job for the Ministry he became a financial director of one of the then emerging commercial enterprises.

From 1994 to 2016 Sergey was a managing partner at Consultancy and Audit Firm "Investaudittrust" Ltd. whose clients included such renown companies as Moscow House of Books, Home Centers Ltd., BananaMama Group of Companies, Grand Coffee Shops, Igor Matvienko's Production Center, companies of Mosfilm Studio and many others.

Sergey now also holds a position of a manager partner at Consultancy and Audit Firm "Invest-Audit" Ltd.