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English | French | German | Russian | Turkmen



About Ruslan

Ruslan Galkanov is a senior advisor in the International Dispute Resolution Practice. He handles high-profile investor-state and commercial disputes and litigations in the construction, telecommunication, petrochemical, oil, gas and mining sectors.

He has multifarious professional experience, having worked as the legal officer and head of transit and energy security in an international organisation, as well as working as counsel with another international law firm. His experience also includes serving as a member of the core drafting team for the modernisation process of the Energy Charter Treaty. Ruslan worked as in-house counsel at a major international oil company and contributed to a research project on international arbitration. At the onset of his career, he also co-led a comprehensive project that culminated in the establishment of operations in Turkmenistan of two of the world's largest international soft drink and food companies. Ruslan has also served as a team member of two legislative groups established to draft the new Civil Code and the Law on Hydrocarbon Resources of Turkmenistan.

Ruslan is qualified to be admitted to practice law in Turkmenistan.

Experience

- Representation of a foreign sovereign and foreign state-owned entities in an ICC arbitration involving a telecommunications project.
- Representation of a foreign state-owned entity in an SCC arbitration related to a natural gas purchase and sale contract.
- Representation of a foreign sovereign in eight ICSID arbitrations related to construction, telecommunications and agribusiness projects.
- Representation of a foreign state-owned claimant in an SCC arbitration in connection with a mining project.
- Representation of a foreign sovereign in asset recovery and protection litigations.
- Representation of a foreign sovereign and state-owned entities in contract negotiations with foreign counterparties related to the space, telecommunications and mining industries.

- Representation of several international petroleum and service companies before the tax and licensing authorities of two jurisdictions.

Credentials

Education

- Moscow State Academy of Law Specialist Degree, Civil Law, with excellence, 2008
- University of Bremen, LL.M., German Economic Law, 2000
- Turkmen State University, B.A., Law, International Economics and International Relations, with excellence, 1999

Expertise

Services

- International Dispute Resolution

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Author, "Extrapolation of Third-party Access, Tariffs and Congestion Management Rules to Cross-border Hydrogen Pipelines", Energy Charter Secretariat (internal publication), Brussels, April 2022. —
- Author, "Intergovernmental Model Agreement for Cross-border Pipelines", Third Edition, Energy Charter Secretariat (internal publication), Brussels, November 2018.
- Author, "Model Agreement for Cross-border Pipelines Between Individual States and Project Investors", Third Edition, Energy Charter Secretariat (internal publication), Brussels, November 2018.
- Co-author, "Indicator 4: Rule of Law", *Energy Investment Risk Assessment*, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, October 2018.
- Co-author, *Handbook on General Provisions Applicable to Investment Agreements in the Energy Sector*, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels, November 2017.
- Author, "The New Petroleum Law of Turkmenistan: Working with the Concepts Behind Production Sharing Agreements", Turkmen State University, May 1999.
- Co-author, "Drafting the New Petroleum Law of Turkmenistan", *Turkmenistan Investment Bulletin*, April 1997.
- Speaker, "Contribution of Modern Investment Treaties to Improvement of Investment Climate in the Energy Sector of Host States: An Attempt to Define, Circumstantiate and Explore by Exemplifying the Energy Charter Treaty", Conference on a Multifaceted Approach to Trade Liberalization and Investment Protection in the Energy Sector, University of Geneva, June 2018.
- Speaker, "Energy Transit and Related Disputes", ISTAC Conference on Energy-related Disputes, Istanbul, June 2019.
- Panel moderator and speaker, "Initiatives and Partnerships in the Energy Industry of Central Asia", A World Energy Council World Energy Week/Eurasian Forum, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, October 2021.
- Speaker, "Explaining the Roadmap to the Modernization of the Energy Charter Treaty", Nigerian National Energy and Climate Change Summit, Abuja, Nigeria, October 2018.
- Speaker, "Energy Charter Treaty Accession Report on Harmonization of Laws and Regulations", Conference Consultation on the Accession to the Energy Charter Treaty, Ezulwini, Swaziland, September 2017.
- Speaker, "Energy Charter Treaty: Case Statistics and Current Shift in Dispute Trends", Conference on International Investment Policies: The Way Forward, Baku, Azerbaijan, October 2017.

- Panel moderator, "Discussing Solutions to Key Challenges", Seventh EU-China Energy Forum, Brussels, June 2017.
- Speaker, "Regional Integration and Transit: Exemplifying through WAGP and WAPP", ECOWAS Regional Energy Governance Forum, Cotonou, Benin, November 2021.
- Speaker, "New and Forgotten Natural Gas Routes and the Roles of Caspian States, Joint EU-Turkey-Central Asia Roundtable on the Natural Gas Supply Routes to the EU", Brussels, April 2022.
- Panel moderator, Second Joint OPEC-ECS-OPEC FUND Annual Legal Workshop, Vienna, October 2020.
- Speaker, "Energy Transit, Dispute Resolution and Investment Protection in International Legal Instruments Through the Prism of Domestic Energy Security Requirements", Conference and Workshop on the Energy Charter Treaty, Islamabad, June 2017.

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