

Efim Iozef

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Efim specialises in litigation and advising clients on maritime and insurance law, bankruptcy, and commercial and corporate disputes. He regularly represents shipowners, charterers, cargo owners and P&I clubs in complex pre-trial and court proceedings involving vessel arrests, recovery of losses, and liability for environmental damage to water bodies. He also acts in disputes connected with incidents and casualties occurring in ports.



Key Practice Areas

- **Shipbuilding Disputes**

Acting for clients in disputes under EPC shipbuilding contracts which include vessel design, design supervision, technical oversight, and the supply and integration of advanced technical systems.

- **Charterparty Disputes and Fleet Operations**

Advising on the performance of charterparty terms, calculation of demurrage, vessel repairs, implementation of charter extension options, termination and renegotiation of charters, suspension of discharge, and cargo liens.

- **Ship Arrests and Maritime Torts Disputes**

Handling disputes on behalf of shipowners, charterers, cargo owners and creditors concerning ship arrest and release, allision with berthing facilities, marine casualties and incidents in ports, and recovery of damages for harm to marine environments.

- **Bankruptcy and Corporate Disputes**

Developing strategy and managing bankruptcy proceedings for both creditors and debtors, filing and challenging claims in the register, subordination of claims, defending against subsidiary liability and corporate loss claims, as well as challenging and preserving transactions.

Representative Experience

- Acted for an investor in proceedings before the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, seeking recovery of loss of profit from the Federal Real Estate Register due to the untimely registration of title to real estate.
- In coordination with foreign counsel, advised a major Russian energy transnational corporation on Chinese and Indian legal remedies for the protection and repossession of marine containers (valued at over \$2.8 million), which had been detained at ports in India and China due to the lessee's outstanding liabilities.

- Advised a major Russian oil and petrochemical group on English law holding in a demurrage dispute (over \$500,000) under an ASBATANKVOY voyage charterparty.
- Represented a shipowner in a \$3.2 million claim for damages relating to latent defects in the cargo piping systems fitted on five RST27M class chemical tankers.
- Provided assistance to a time charterer on the termination of time charterparty contracts due to sanctions imposed by the United Kingdom affecting a vessel nominated as the receiving ship for an STS transfer.
- Advised English solicitors and barristers representing Shannon Engine Support Ltd in proceedings heard by the High Court of England and Wales concerning the de facto seizure of aircraft and engines leased to Russian airlines. The claims exceed \$10 billion.
- Acted for a shipowner in a \$150,000 claim brought by the Federal Service for Environmental Supervision (Rosprirodnadzor) for harm to a water body allegedly caused by a non-self-propelled barge (including exceedances of heavy metal concentration limits in river sediments).
- Represented a P&I Club and the shipowner in a case over allision of the vessel *HALONA* with a berth at the port of Taman.
- Supported a P&I Club and the shipowner in proceedings arising from an explosion on the vessel *ECO WIZARD* at Ust-Luga port.
- Acted for a P&I Club and the shipowner in a case relating to the grounding of the vessel *SFERA* in the port of Ust-Luga.
- Represented a Chinese shipyard in a bankruptcy case of a shipping company (isolated dispute over the inclusion of claims exceeding \$4.3 million in the debtor's register).
- Represented an investor in litigation seeking to invalidate a patent assignment for an invention (an ice-breaker escort) of strategic importance to an industrial project.
- Acted for the group's beneficial owner in defending against subsidiary liability claims exceeding \$105 million.
- Led proceedings to recover more than \$47 million in corporate loss from the former chief executive of an R&D company.
- Acted for the bankruptcy administrator in the insolvency proceedings of an R&D company involving the unlawful transfer abroad of more than \$12 million to a Latvian company.