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Konstantin is a leading specialist in international arbitration and maritime law. His principal area of expertise lies in managing sophisticated precedent-setting disputes involving multiple parties across different jurisdictions.

He regularly represents both Russian and foreign shipowners, shipbuilders, charterers, cargo owners, freight forwarders, insurers and banks in a wide range of complex disputes. Konstantin has extensive experience in conducting arbitration proceedings under the rules of the LMAA, LCIA, SIAC, RAC, MAC, ICAC, RSPP, and has repeatedly succeeded in having foreign arbitral awards recognised and enforced in the Russian Federation.




Key Practice Areas


- Tort disputes over ship collisions, groundings, sunken property, allisions and damage to port infrastructure, oil and bunker fuel spills.
- Disputes from contractual relations for the carriage of goods, freight forwarding, time and bareboat charters, sale and purchase of vessels, ship mortgages, marine insurance, bunker supply, shipbuilding and ship repair, salvage, and the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.
- Ship and cargo arrest – preliminary and other interim relief, including obtaining, lifting or substituting such measures, including to secure claims in foreign arbitration proceedings.
- Providing legal support for transactions and the structuring of shipping businesses, as well as sanctions compliance – drafting fleet S&P and operation agreements, ship mortgage arrangements, shipbuilding and repair, and legal support for launching maritime businesses from scratch or establishing specialised shipping companies and departments within corporate groups.


Representative Experience

- Preserved the client's fleet in the bankruptcy of a shipping company embroiled in an escalated corporate dispute.
- Successfully defended a shipowner in a complex dispute concerning the quality and contamination of petroleum products carried on the vessel. In a separate case, settled cargo damage and loss claims, securing a reduction of the opposing claims by half from \$1,5 million to \$700 000.
- Acted for a shipowner in a dispute seeking unprecedented damages in modern Russian maritime law, which resulted in the opponent's claims being reduced from \$65 million to \$27 million.
- Acted for a shipowner and a P&I Club in a group of disputes relating to the first application of the Bunker Convention 2001 in Russia and the release of the vessel from arrest.



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- Advised on fleet sale and purchase transactions governed by English law, which were secured by mortgages governed by Russian law and complicated by third-party external financing.
- Provided legal counsel on salvage matters involving vessels affected by explosions, casualties and groundings, achieving substantial reductions of claims through settlement negotiations or litigation.
- Negotiated an out-of-court reduction of a \$650 000 demurrage claim to \$70 000.
- Secured the release of the vessel from arrest and succeeded in enforcing an arbitration clause in a foreign jurisdiction.
- Testified as a Russian law expert and took part in cross-examination in international commercial arbitration proceedings in a major investment dispute.
- Contributed to the drafting of take-or-pay transshipment contracts for major PPP infrastructure projects.
- Secured the arrest of the vessel that collided with the client's vessel, leading to recovery under a settlement agreement.
- Advised foreign investors on setting up shipping businesses in Russia, and on licensing and export issues relating to hydrocarbons and other natural resources.
- Represented a major Russian shipowner in a series of related disputes with the border authorities over alleged breaches of the Russian state border regime.

Additional Information

- Serves on the arbitrator panels of the RAC, DIAC, LMAA, SCMA, HKMAG, HKIAC and CRCICA
- Appointed on multiple occasions as co-arbitrator and sole arbitrator under LMAA, RAC, MAC and ICAC rules
- Holds a PhD in Law and is the author of the course Introduction to Maritime Commercial Law, which Konstantin has been teaching for over five years at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE), one of Russia's leading universities
- Represents Russia in the Comité Maritime International (CMI) as Vice-President of the Russian Maritime Law Association (RUMLA)
- Fluent in French and English
- Consistently recognised by leading global and Russian legal rankings:

