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Valeria began her professional career at NAVICUS.LAW as a paralegal.
Her principal areas of practice include maritime law, private international law and sanctions regulation.
In maritime law, she specialises in contractual and tortious disputes, the arrest of vessels and cargoes, and legal assistance in connection with maritime casualties.
Valeria assists in protecting the interests of shipowners and crew members in judicial and administrative proceedings, including cases involving marine pollution and breaches of regulations.

Maritime Casualties | Vessel & Cargo Arrests | Marine Pollution Claims | Sanctions Compliance

Key Practice Areas

- ### Maritime Law

Handling vessel and cargo arrests; providing legal assistance in maritime casualties (including collisions, allisions and bunker spills); representing shipowners and crew members in legal proceedings; drafting and reviewing charterparties, bunker supply agreements and other maritime contracts.

- ### Private International Law

Advising on cross-border legal matters; researching and applying foreign law; analysing issues of international jurisdiction and applicable law.

- ### Sanctions Law

Analysing international sanctions and restrictive measures; assessing sanctions risks in international trade and maritime transport; advising on sanctions compliance.

Representative Experience

- Contributed to the preparation of a legal opinion on Indian property law for a major Russian company.
- Assisted in representing a shipowner in litigation against Rosprirodnadzor (the Russian Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resources) concerning compensation for environmental damage.
- Liaised with government authorities in administrative proceedings concerning the unlawful crossing of the Russian state border in the Gulf of Finland.
- Was part of the NAVICUS.LAW legal team representing a shipowner and crew members in a case arising from a drone attack on a vessel in the Gulf of Finland.

Additional Information

- Graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree from the HSE University Faculty of Law in St Petersburg in 2026 and is currently pursuing a Master’s degree at the same institution
- Actively contributed to the preparation of materials for the Maritime Law journal in 2024–2025