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Bulat has an LLM in Shipping Law from the University of Cape Town (South Africa). He specialises in disputes arising out of international carriage of goods and vessel charters, and sanctions issues. Bulat is an expert in maritime remedies and ship arrests. He has several academic works on the enforcement of maritime claims in different jurisdictions published in recognised international journals. Bulat represents Russian and foreign shipowners, cargo owners, insurers, and freight forwarders in international arbitration and assists with disputes in Russian state courts.

- Disputes over maritime security measures and releasing of ships and other property, including cases on protection of property belonging to foreign companies that left the Russian market.
- Landmark case on the liability of an actual carrier for cargo damage caused by crew members.
- Disputes arising from collisions, oil spills, and grounding, including full legal support of refloating a vessel in the port of Ust-Luga in record time.
- Contract drafting related to carriage of goods, including carriage contracts, charter parties, freight forwarding, and work contracts.
- Expert opinions on different issues of maritime and sanctions law, including the opinion on the restriction of subsurface site exploration for international entities due to the counter-sanctions measures.
- Ensuring interactions between Russian and foreign courts, including recognising and enforcing foreign judgments and arbitral awards, support with witness testimony in Russian courts for foreign proceedings, and ensuring service of process to a Russian entity in connection with foreign arbitration proceedings.
- Sensitive matters associated with interactions with media and state authorities, as well as representing the interests of seafarers, their families, and shipowners in Russian and foreign courts.

