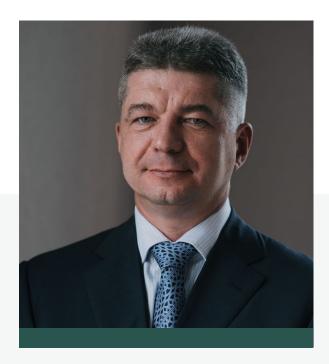


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Maksim is an acting attorney-at-law (advocate) who specialises in administrative and criminal matters in the maritime industry. He represented major regional entrepreneurs and shipping companies in Russia's Far East. Since the privatization era of the 1990s, he has remained one of the region's leading legal professionals. Maksim successfully defended clients in various disputes, including insurance litigation before the Supreme Commercial Court of Russia, defamation claims, and a high-profile case against the Governor of Primorskiy Region on behalf of a major shipowner. His expertise encompasses corporate disputes and financial crime cases.

- Acted as an expert witness in a major arbitration dispute at the IDRC (London) arising from a voyage charter party governed by English law: provided an expert report on war risks and security of Russian seaports in the first half of 2022, participated in joint expert discussions and arbitration hearings.
- Defended crew members in a criminal case and secured the release of a vessel from arrest within the criminal case following the largest oil spill in southern Russia, with claims exceeding 7 million US dollars.
- Administers complex public law cases and represents clients before customs, border, and law enforcement authorities in high-profile maritime incidents.
- Extensive experience in hull and machinery (H&M) insurance disputes, litigation over insurance payments and insured events. Represented his clients in courts, including victories in the Supreme Court of Russia.
- Ensured the return of thousands of 40ft containers lost by a foreign container operator across Russia, including port cities, offshore warehouses, and inland storage facilities. The work involved handling multiple commercial and criminal cases, as well as the seizure and return of containers to the client.
- Developed defence strategies and handled criminal cases out of maritime incidents, including accidents with fatalities. Experienced in complicated cases, such as ship explosions, transport strikes, etc. Provided legal defence for shipowners and crew members against allegations of ship safety violations.
- Defended clients in banking fraud cases, including investigations of fraudulent transactions, unauthorized withdrawals, and falsification of documents. Communicates with banks and regulators to return funds to the clients.

