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"If there are any legal developments or legislative developments she's always involved"
Chambers Asia Pacific 2019

"A very experienced and resilient lawyer who is a top expert on Kazakh civil law matters"
Chambers Asia Pacific 2018

"A seasoned expert in oil and gas matters and environmental legislation"
Chambers Asia Pacific 2016

Ms. Chentsova's areas of specialization are civil law, investment, environmental, oil and gas and mining legislation, private international law and construction.

After graduating from the law department of Kazakh State University, she was invited to work as a professor of civil, economic and Roman law at the University. Ms. Chentsova earned her Doctor of Law degree in 1990. Thesis subject "Civil Sanctions Mechanism in Capital Construction". In 1990–1991, she worked as an advisor at the Supreme Arbitration Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan. From 1991 to 1993, Ms. Chentsova was heading the contract and legal department of Kazmetallexport, a state-owned foreign trade company. Since AEQUITAS establishment in 1993, she has been its Managing Partner.

Ms. Chentsova has been advising major global oil and mining companies and leading local companies on issues pertaining to civil, corporate and environmental legislation, investment, subsoil use, litigation and arbitration for more than twenty five years.

Ms. Chentsova was on several governmental working groups to develop important commercial legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan (including the Civil Code, Foreign Investment Law, Petroleum Law, etc.). When engaged by the Scientific Private Law Research Institute under the Kazakh State Law Academy (Private Law Center), she participated in the discussion and preparation of proposals to improve the civil legislation, including the Civil Code, the Subsoil Law and Petroleum Law and a number of other statutes and regulations.

Ms. Chentsova is an arbitrator for a number of Kazakh and international arbitration courts, including Center of Arbitration of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, International Arbitration Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan (IAC), Kazakhstan International Arbitration (KIA), International Arbitration Tribunal of IUS Legal Center, International Commercial Arbitration Court (ICAC) and International Commercial Arbitration Court of the Eurasian Mediation Center.

Ms. Chentsova is a member of the International Bar Association (IBA), American Bar Association (ABA), Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), Vice-President of the Kazakhstan Petroleum Lawyers' Association (KPLA), one of the founders of the

Kazakhstan Bar Association and a member of its Governing Council, member of the Central Council of the National Public Association "Kazakhstan Union of Lawyers" and a member of the Advisory Board of the Best Lawyers publication.

For many years Olga Chentsova has been recommended as a leading lawyer in Energy, Natural Resources, Oil & Gas, Dispute Resolution and M&A areas by a number of reputable international editions, such as Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, Asia Law Profiles, and Who's Who Legal. Dr. Olga Chentsova has been named to the Legal 500 Hall of Fame, recognizing her selection to the publication's list of the nation's leading lawyers in Corporate, commercial and M&A practice for seven consecutive years.

Her articles on various aspects of commercial law, subsoil, environmental and investment legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan are regularly published in foreign and local magazines and periodicals.

MOST REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Natural Resources

- Advising major oil companies – ExxonMobil, Chevron Munai Gas, Tengizchevroil LLP – on different subsoil use issues.
- Advice to a foreign investor (Hong Kong) on various subsoil use issues and local investment legislation in connection with the acquisition of a Kazakh oil and gas company.
- Advice to Bogatyr Komir LLP, Kazakhstan's largest coal mining company, on a range of local law matters.

Investment

- Advice to the Russian Federation in connection with the acquisition of participation interests in the CPC-K JSC and CPC-R CJSC (owners of Tengiz-Novorossiysk oil pipeline) from the Sultanate of Oman.
- Local law advice to Russia's largest oil company and its subsidiary in connection with International Financial Corporation's (IFC) secured loan for the development of a major gas field in Kazakhstan.
- Advice to China ZhenHua Oil in connection with its transaction to acquire Kuant Holding Company JSC controlling a local oil company.
- Advice to a foreign investor in connection with its acquisition of Kazakhaltyn Mining Concern JSC (a group of local gold mining companies).
- Advice to ShalkiyaZinc Ltd., one of Kazakhstan's largest zinc mining companies, regarding lawfulness of Kazakh authorities' position in connection with a number of company's transactions in the period after its IPO on the London Stock Exchange.
- Advice to Atomredmetzoloto OJSC, a Russian atomic company, in connection with a transaction to acquire local companies active in atomic industry.
- Advice to Magnitogorsky Metallurgical Plant OJSC in connection with its business restructuring in Kazakhstan.
- Preparation of expert opinion involving interpretation of Kazakh investment legislation for an investment arbitration.

Environmental

- Advice to Tengizchevroil LLP, Kazakhstan's largest oil producing company, on different environmental legislation issues.
- Participation in the development of Kazakhstan environmental legislation reform concept, including environmental emissions issues, on assignment from Chevron Corporation.

Construction

- Advice to a large Swiss oil service company in connection with the preparation of a contract for the construction of facilities at a major Kazakhstan's oil and gas field and adjustment of the FIDIC model contract "Conditions of Contract for Construction" (Red Book 1999) to the local legislative requirements.
- Advice to a major foreign investor on complicated local law issues in connection with the construction of main and process pipelines (EPC – Construction of "Trunklines and Production Flow Lines") at a large Kazakhstan field.
- Advice to Bazis-A, Kazakhstan's largest construction corporation, and its subsidiaries on a number of projects over the past several years.

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