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Irina Fodchenko Senior Lawyer, PhD

Irina is a dual-qualified lawyer (Norway and Russia) with extensive experience in both legal systems, cultures and industries.

Irina primarily works for Norwegian and international clients within the oil and gas, renewable energy and mining industry. Her practice covers all contractual and regulatory matters of the E&P, supply, service and transportation agreements, HSE aspects, third party use, M&A and JV projects with cross-border elements. Irina also advises on a wide range of corporate compliance matters, including international sanctions, trade control, anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, responsible business conduct, human rights and Norwegian Transparency Act.

Irina has in-house legal counsel experience from one of the world's largest energy producers, where she had particularly responsibility for contractual, regulatory and procurement matters.

She holds a PhD in petroleum and comparative law from the University of Oslo. Irina is engaged as supervisor and examiner by various academic institutions, publishes academic works and gives presentations in the areas of international sanctions, energy and maritime law.

In 2022, Irina joined the Ukrainian Bar Association as an international participant. She is also in charge of Schjødt's free helpline for refugees from Ukraine to Norway.

Irina speaks Norwegian, English, Russian and Ukrainian.

Practice Areas

Oil & Gas

Renewable Energy
Shipping & Oil Services
Corporate Compliance & Crisis Management
Mergers & Acquisitions
Mining & Minerals
Private Equity & Venture Capital
Sanctions & Export Controls
Special Resource Team
Trade & Industry
White-Collar Crimes

Education

2021
PhD in Law, University of Oslo

2009
Master of Laws, University of Oslo

2007
Specialist Degree in Jurisprudence, Saint Petersburg Law University

Publications

2021
Legal framework for Russian offshore petroleum activities in the Barents Arctic, Series of dissertations submitted to the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.

2020
The regulation of petroleum exploration and production in Russia. Routledge Handbook of Energy Law.

2020
Legal culture and character of Russian petroleum licences. I: The Character of Petroleum Licences - A Legal Cultural Analysis. Edward Elgar Publishing.

2019
Russian comparative Law before and after the 1917 revolutions, In Alla Pozdnakova (ed.), Russian Revolutions of 1917: Scandinavian Perspectives. Wildy, Simmons and Hill Publishing.

2018
Legal Aspects of the Russian-Norwegian Model for Cross-Border Unitisation in the Barents Sea and Arctic Ocean. Ocean Development and International Law.