

## Maria Kazakova

Senior Associate

Moscow

### Biography

Maria is a highly experienced M&A, joint venture and private equity lawyer. Maria represents foreign private and state-owned companies in major transactions in Russia and other CIS countries, as well as major Russian companies in their projects worldwide.

Being a Russian-qualified and internationally-trained attorney makes Maria exceptionally well positioned to work on cross-border transactions. Maria always takes a pragmatic approach to address client's needs and to understand the clients' concerns, taking into consideration all commercial, regulatory, compliance, antitrust, corporate governance and private international law issues.

Maria has a distinguished track record. Her experience includes a large number of high profile transactions in various industries of the Russian market, including media, telecom, mining, agriculture, banking and retail. Prior to joining the firm Maria worked for the Moscow, London and Oslo offices of a major international law firm.

### Representative experience

Polymetal International plc, a London listed Russian top-3 gold mining company, on acquisition and disposal of various mining assets in Russia, Kazakhstan



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### Languages

Danish  
English  
Italian  
Norwegian  
Russian

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### Practices

Antitrust and Competition  
Business Structures  
Corporate  
Corporate Governance  
Investment Funds  
Joint Ventures  
Mergers and Acquisitions

and Armenia.

Global technology investment fund on investment in a global satellite services company operating in Russia and the U.S.

Siberian Agrarian Holding on a joint venture with Saudi Arabian investment fund to ship Russian wheat and barley to the Middle East and North Africa.

Dow Jones on sale and complex restructuring of Vedomosti, one of the most prominent business newspapers in Russia.

RosEvroBank on sale of shares to Sovcombank, which now became the 3rd largest private bank in Russia.

Windar Renewables on a joint venture in consortium with Severstal and Rusnano for production of wind power generation facilities in Russia.

DTEK, the major Ukrainian energy holding, on acquisition of the controlling stakes in two large Ukrainian electricity distribution system operators in Kiev and Odessa.

Discovery Communications on a joint venture with Russia's National Media Group.

## Awards and rankings

- Best Lawyers in Russia, *Mergers and Acquisitions*, 2020
- Europe, Future Leader - Gender Diversity (Private Practice), *Chambers Diversity & Inclusion*, 2019

## Latest thinking and events

- News
  - Russia CIS: 2019 Chambers Global Practice Guide in Technology, Media, and Telecoms
- Published Works
  - 2019 Chambers Global Practice Guide in Technology, Media, and Telecoms

Private Equity

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## Industries

Automotive and Mobility  
Consumer  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Financial Institutions  
Life Sciences and Health Care  
TMT

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## Areas of focus

Buy-ins and Buy-outs  
Company Formation  
Corporate and Commercial Transactions  
Corporate Group Structures  
Emerging Companies and Venture Capital  
Exits  
M&A and Joint Ventures  
Merger Control  
Private Equity and Venture Capital

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Law Degree magna cum laude, Lomonosov Moscow State University, 2011

LL.M., University of Oslo, 2010

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