# Dariia Zhestovskaia SBN 356206

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#### **Education**

McGeorge School of Law

Master of Law (LLM), Transnational Business Practice

Honors and Activities: LLM Award of Excellence, CALI Award for Evidence, Civil Procedure,

Full Scholarship, Member of Craft Beer Law Society, Board Member of Soccer Club

St. Petersburg State University, GPA 4.0

Bachelor of Law and Master of Law, Civil Procedure Concentration

Honors and Activities: Best Student of St. Petersburg University (1 out of 300),

President of Private Law Club 2016-2018, President of Civil Procedure Club 2018-2020

Russian School for Private Law, GPA 4.0

Master of Law, Private Law Concentration

Honors and Activities: summa cum laude, President of Private Law Club

Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law

Partnership Law Research, Full Scholarship

**Bayreuth University** 

Lozano Smith

Social Media Science, Full Scholarship

**Experience** 

Associate Attorney

— Drafted agreements with developers for the construction of new school facilities

- Reviewed school districts' contracts for solar power and personal property purchases
- Prepared pleadings and other legal documents to represent school districts in litigation Advised school districts on maintaining transparency in decision-making processes

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law Adjunct Professor of Law

- Provided guidance on legal writing and analysis, emphasizing American legal standards
- Assisted students in mastering the IRAC method for structuring legal arguments
- Developed personalized academic success strategies to address individual learning needs
- Supported students from diverse legal systems in understanding U.S. legal concepts

### **Private Law Research Center**

Lead researcher, Professor of Civil Procedure

- Conducted over 100 legal research projects on contract law and civil procedure
- Taught civil procedure to a class of 30+ Master of Law students
- Authored 20+ papers on civil procedure, contract law, bankruptcy law, and partnership law
- Successfully led six research groups focused on partnership and contract law

# LPJ - Tax, Law, Transformation

Legal Researcher

— Delivered weekly case law analyses on German partnership law and employment law

- Conducted extensive research on various types of corporations under German law
- Performed case law research to support the firm's partnership law proceedings

St. Petersburg, Russia Sep. 2014 – June 2020

Sacramento, California

August 2023 - May 2024

Moscow, Russia

Sep. 2018 – June 2020

Hamburg, Germany

March 2022 – Aug. 2022

Bayreuth, Germany Oct. 2022 - June 2023

Sacramento, USA Oct. 2024 - Current

Sacramento, USA

Sept. 2024 – Current

Moscow, Russia

April 2019 – Current

Hamburg, Germany

Aug. 2022 – June 2023

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**VERSUS.legal** St. Petersburg, Russia Oct. 2020 – Aug. 2022

Attorney, Department of Public-Private Partnership

- Assisted with establishment of innovative schools, modern-equipped hospitals, restauration of parks with public-private partnership models
- Developed lobbyist legal strategies for foreign direct investment for legislative agencies
- Provided expert consultation to 20 Russia's top infrastructure companies on public-private partnership law, financing, media and digital technology, and intellectual property
- Developed successful defense strategies during negotiation processes with public agencies and largest Russian financial institutions

### **Bar Admissions**

October 2024 State Bar of California

St. Petersburg Bar Association

June 2021

### Language Skills

**Languages:** English (Full professional proficiency), German (Full professional proficiency), Russian (Primary proficiency)

### **Selected publications**

- 1. The German Energy Transition Project to Renewable Energy Sources: Legal Preconditions for Implementation in Russia, 5 Environmental Law. 32 (2024).
- 2. Civil law: workshop on the general part, Chapter 7. Public legal entities as participants in civil law relations 45
- 3. On the Paradox of "Oppositability" of Judicial Acts in American Bankruptcy Law. Bankruptcy Club. 41 (2023).
- 4. The Doctrine of Balancing in Disputes Regarding the Termination of Concession Agreements, 6 Civilistics. 225 (coauthored with D. Boreysho) (2023).
- 5. Reform of Partnership Law in Germany: Translation of Section 16 "Partnership" of the German Civil Code, 6 Herald of Economic Justice. 122 (coauthored with A. Goreva) (2022).
- 6. On the Allowance of Claims Confirmed by a Judgment: to a Unified Model of Actio Pauliana, 1 Herald of Economic Justice. 133 (2022).
- 7. About some provisions of the contract law of the new Civil Code of the PRC (People's Republic of China), Fundamental Provisions of the Civil Code of the PRC: A Comparative Legal Analysis 99 (2022).
- 8. On the Allowance of Claims Confirmed by a Judgment: from the Principle of Relativity to the Phenomenon of Opposability, 10 Herald of Economic Justice. 111 (2021).
- 9. Private and Public Easements in Conducting Cadastral Valuation of Land Plots, 1 Herald of Economic Justice. 82 (coauthored with T. Krasnova, N. Silko, O. Lepekhina) (2021).
- 10. The Form of the Transaction and the Evolution of its Substantive and Procedural Functionality, Actual problems of contract law: collective monograph 76 (2021).
- 11. Tort Liability Insurance: Problems of Bringing a Claims against the Insurer, Vox Juris. 18 (2019).
- 12. "One Together and All for One". On the Applicability of the Ordinary Business Criteria to Security Transactions, 6 RSPL Magazine. 154 (2019).
- 13. "Copyright Does Not Apply to Ideas." Prospects for Revising the Axiom, 4 RSPL Magazine. 174 (2019).
- 14. Decisions of the Meetings: a Brief Review of Judicial Practice, 5 RSPL Magazine (as a co-author) (2019).
- 15. Debt Release in the Context of Philosophical and Economic Aspects of Legal Regulation, 2 Theoretical and Applied Law. 38 (2019).
- 16. Private Law and Process. About one through the prism of the other, The note for RSPL Magazine (2019)
- 17. Security Deposit: Legal Nature and Prospects for Using in Practice, Vox Juris. 31 (2018).
- 18. From Protecting the Public Interest to Protecting the Interests of the Victim, 11 Criminal Justice. 46 (coauthored with A. Tuzov) (2018).
- 19. Penalty Reduction under Article 333 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation and the Concept of Unfair Contractual Terms, 2 Herald of Economic Justice. 206 (2018).
- 20. Unilateral Refusal to perform a Contract as an Instrument to Increase Length of Time Allowed for Filing a Claim Commentary on the Ruling of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation of February 14, 2017 in the Case N 308-es16-14071, Vox Juris. 39 (coauthored with N. Sinitsyna) (2017).

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### **Selected conferences**

- 1. III Annual International Conference in Memory of Professor Gabriele Crespi Reghizzi, "The Concept of Real Estate in a Comparative Legal Perspective" organized by St. Petersburg State University; Presentation on the topic: "The Concept of Real Estate and Its Impact on the Implementation of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Projects A Comparative Analysis." (2024)
- 2. Academic Law Conference "Discussions about res judicata. Second meeting", Private Law Research Center, Moscow (2023).
- 3. Working session dedicated to the discussion of the main provisions of the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China (Presentation Title: Book Three of the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China "Contracts"), Private Law Research Center, Moscow (2021).
- 4. The First Annual International Scientific and Practical Forum "Alekhin Readings", Moscow State University, Moscow (2021).
- 5. Law Conference "Genesis and development of Russian contract law", participant-speaker "Formation of the partnership form in Roman law", Private Law Research Center, Moscow (2021).
- 6. Alekseev Readings, Private Law Research Center, Moscow (2020).
- 7. ISLaCo (International Student Law Conference) "Russian Law: Between East and West", St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg (2019).
- 8. The International Youth Legal Forum, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg (2019).
- 9. ISLaCo (International Student Law Conference) "Identity of the Russian legal system. Influence of common law in Russia", St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg (2019).