

Karina Duvall

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Summary of Qualifications

I am an attorney who provides legal expertise regarding Russian law for law firms and U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. My primary focus is on working with courts and immigration authorities to interpret Russian law with respect to family law, enforcement of Russian court orders, child custody, parental consent for immigration issues, child abduction, estate and property issues and financial investment. Concurrently, I handle multi-jurisdictional cases in Russia.

Licensure

NYS licensed Legal Consultant
Member of the Bar in the Russian Federation

Notable Achievements

- Achieved successful resolution in over 3,000 cases in the Russian Federation that are published in official legal resources, and are considered as persuasive interpretations of Russian statutes
- Retained to consult on criminal cases involving international child abduction
- Collaborated with The Hague Convention of the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
- Provided >1,500 affidavits and legal opinions for U.S. courts and USCIS
- Appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court on behalf of Gavrilov & Brooks, LLC to enforce a highly contested Russian court order in California
- Appeared in Kings County Supreme Court on behalf of Lubov Stark, LLC to resolve a multijurisdictional division of property lawsuit
- Appeared in Laminer County (CO) District Court on behalf of Eric Sunness, LLC to prevent enforcement of a Russian court order

Professional Experience

Licensed Legal Consultant

2009 – present

- Assist U.S. law firms with providing immigration authorities official documentation of certificates issued by the Russian Federation
- Help obtain immigration benefits for minor children who emigrated to the U.S. from Russia
- Interpret Russian court orders to prove child custody and enable child to obtain US citizenship without parental consent
- Arrange international process service & affidavits of service according to the Convention of November 15, 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters
- Prepare prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, child support & divorce agreements
- Consult on enforcement procedures regarding foreign court decisions according to international law and Russian regulations
- Prepare affidavits as a Legal Expert in Russian law
- Obtain documents from Vital Records Offices, Russian and U.S. courts, and Apostilles for immigration and other issues

Licensed Foreign Consultant (Ohio)

2014 – 2017

- Consulted on enforcement procedures regarding foreign court decisions made in accordance with international law and regulations pertaining to the Russian Federation

- Provided expert opinion in jurisdictions including, but not limited to California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, & Texas, as well as Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Netherlands, & Switzerland
- Prepared affidavits as a credentialed legal expert in Russian law

Attorney at Law

1999 - present

Saint Petersburg, Russia

- Represent clients in civil, criminal, business actions during depositions, settlement conferences, motion hearings, and trials
- Provide legal opinions based on the law of the Russian Federation
- Enforce decisions and arbitration awards of international courts

Education

Saint Petersburg State University

Master's in Jurisprudence

National Law Academy of Ukraine

Bachelor of Jurisprudence

Postgraduate School for Practicing Attorneys (St. Petersburg)

Diplomate