



**The British-Russian Law Association**

**Withers LLP (London)**

**and**

**Lidings Law Firm (Moscow)**

request the pleasure of your company **on 30 June 2015** at a seminar on:

***Sanctions 1 year on – A review of practical issues  
and challenges that have arisen over the past year***

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***Summer Drinks Reception***

*(including Russian themed canapes and drinks...)*

**Venue: Withers LLP, 16 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7EG, United Kingdom**

**Programme**

18:00 - 18:30	Registration
18.30 – 19.00	<b>A review of Russian Sanctions</b> <b>Andrey Zelenin (Partner (Dispute Resolution), Lidings Law Firm, Moscow)</b>
19.00-20.00	Panel Debate involving shared experience of the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>KYC checks</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>What checks need to be carried out to ensure sanctions compliance?</i></li><li>○ <i>To what extent has this complicated and delayed the process?</i></li><li>○ <i>What practical problems has this presented - e.g. where urgent work is required?</i></li></ul></li><li>• <b>Obtaining approval to act for designated persons</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>The procedure</i></li><li>○ <i>How long can this take?</i></li><li>○ <i>Practical problems this has presented - e.g. where urgent work is required</i></li></ul></li><li>• <b>Receiving payment from designated individuals for fees, disbursements, arbitral fees etc</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Practical issues this has raised</i></li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complications that clients have had in obtaining funding for transactions because of sanctions compliance by Banks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>How cautious are banks in the current climate – taking into account high profile fines levied in the US recently?</i></li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <b>Obtaining guidance from relevant authorities about the interpretation and application of sanctions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Where to go to for guidance</i></li> <li>○ <i>How helpful in practice are helplines and guidance notes?</i></li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <b>Force Majeure and sanctions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>A review of relevant cases over the past year</i></li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <b>Challenging sanctions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>A review of relevant cases over the past year</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><b>Ian Squires (Independent Project Analysis Ltd)</b>  <b>Christopher Coffin (Partner (Dispute Resolution), Withers LLP)</b>  <b>Andrey Zelenin (Partner (Dispute Resolution), Lidings Law Firm, Moscow)</b>  <b>Clive Cutbill (International Risk and Compliance Director, Withers LLP)</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Professor Bill Bowring (Chairman of the British-Russian Law Association)</b></p>
20.00 – 21.30	<b>Summer Drinks Reception</b>

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