**The British Consulate General in Ekaterinburg**

and

**The British-Russian Law Association**

request the pleasure of your company **on 7 July 2014** at their

***4TH Annual English/Russian Legal Seminar:***

***The Dispute Resolution Process in England and Russia –***

***An update on current practice and practical tips***

England is a popular choice for international dispute resolution – particularly for Russian clients. There are many reasons for this, including: the popularity of English law as the governing law of contracts; the widely acknowledged fairness of litigation, arbitration and mediation in England; and the wide powers that the English Courts have to grant interim measures in support of litigation and arbitration.

At the same time significant changes have taken place (and are taking place) to make Russia a more attractive venue for dispute resolution. These include changes to the Russian civil code; proposals to amend the Arbitration Act in Russia; and the establishment of the Russian Arbitration Association.

In this seminar, leading experts will explain how the dispute resolution process in England works in practice; what the advantages and disadvantages are of litigation and arbitration in England; the interim measures that can be granted by the English Court and the tactical advantages of obtaining these; and proposals to improve the arbitration process in Russia.

**The seminar will take place on Monday 7 July 2014, 13:00,**

**at Business Centre Paladium, 2nd Floor, 10 Khokhryakova Street, Ekaterinburg.**

Participation in the seminar is free of charge. Deadline for registration is **4** **July 2014**. Please register with Karina Sokolova, British Consulate General, Ekaterinburg: Karina.Sokolova@fconet.gov.uk; tel. +7 (343) 253 5604 / m. +7 912 6565 147.

For registration please give us your name, position, telephone and e-mail.

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**Programme**

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| 13.00 – 13.30 | Registration |
| 13.30 – 13.40 | Opening remarks |
| **Session 1 – Dispute Resolution in England** | |
| 13.40 – 14.10 | **Litigation or arbitration?**  *Costs; Speed; Flexibility; Enforcement; Confidentiality*  **Andrew Tobin (Cozen O’Connor LLP)** |
| 14.10 – 14.30 | **Litigation in England – How it works in practice**  *Commencing a claim; Case Management; the Trial; Costs.*  **Nicholas Scott (Memery Crystal LLP)** |
| 14.30 – 14.45 | **Interim measures from the English Court – What’s available and how to use it to your advantage.**  *Freezing injunctions; search & seizure orders; security for costs.*  **Rupert D’Cruz (Littleton Chambers)** |
| 14.45 – 15.15 | Questions & Answers |
| 15.15 – 15.45 | Coffee Break |

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| **Session 2 – Arbitration and Mediation** | |
| 15.45 – 16.05 | **Arbitration in Russia – Proposals for Change**  *An analysis of proposed amendments to the RF Law on Arbitration*  **Stepan Guzey (Lidings Law Firm)** |
| 16.05 – 16.25 | **The Role of Mediation in Commercial Disputes – An English Perspective**  *How effective is mediation in practice; When can (and should) it be used?*  **Robert Campbell (Faegre Baker Daniels (UK) LLP)** |
| 16.25 – 16.45 | **Mediation in Russia – A Progress Report**  *How has the new law on mediation operated in practice?*  **Konstantin Faberov (Puchkov & Partners Attorneys at Law)** |
| 16.45 – 17.15 | Questions & Answers |
| 17.15 – 17.30 | Closing Remarks |
| **17.30 – 19.00** | **Networking Business Reception** |