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Summary

Svetlana is a Senior Associate in the Commodities & Upstream Finance group of Watson Farley & Williams, based in London. Svetlana specialises in cross-border project finance and corporate lending transactions and has advised on award-winning projects in the energy sector. Svetlana has acted for a wide range of international and domestic clients in the emerging markets of Eastern Europe, CIS, Middle East and Africa. Svetlana has significant experience in advising IFIs and DFIs and is very familiar with their requirements.

Svetlana is qualified in England, New York and Russia.

Experience

Svetlana's experience includes advising:

- EBRD on a project finance matter which entailed the construction and operation of a 108MW hydropower plant and a substation in Georgia.
- An international lender on a project finance transaction to construct and operate a district cooling and heating plant in Amman, Jordan.
- A consortium of multinational and domestic lenders on various transactions with one of the largest power utilities' group in Poland, including:
 - €195m long-term, syndicated corporate loan facility as part of the modernisation of Poland's electricity distribution network; and
 - restructuring of €268m equivalent long-term, syndicated corporate loan facility.
- An international lender on a long-term senior loan to an Egyptian subsidiary of the largest ready-mix company in the world to implement an environmental upgrade of the company.
- An IFI on a senior term loan to the leading glass producer in Turkey to finance the energy efficiency investments and glass recycling project in Turkey.
- A multinational lender on a complex equity swap in one of the largest media and telecommunication corporations in Poland.
- A syndicate of global banks in the first private restructuring in the Ukrainian banking sector.

Education

- 2006: Boston University School of Law, LL.M. in American Law
- 2004: Moscow State University School of Law, Candidate of Law Science (comparable to Ph.D.)
- 2000: Moscow State University School of Law, Diploma of Law with top class (red) honours

Membership of Professional Societies

- Moscow Bar Association: Admitted to practice in Russia 2000 and Advocate 2004
- New York State Bar Association: Admitted to practice in New York State, USA, 2009
- Solicitor in England and Wales: Admitted to practice in 2013

Employment Record

- 2017 – present: Watson Farley & Williams, Senior Associate
- 2013 – 2017: Locke Lord (UK), International Finance Associate
- 2006 – 2011: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, In-house Lawyer
- 1999 – 2004: ALM Feldmans, Advocates Bureau, Attorney